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As this storm approaches, we know many residents may have questions or need extra support. Please note that our staff will begin to shovel and clear sidewalks once the snow has stopped, this is for the safety of the team. Our snow removal contractor will be responding as well.

Please use extreme caution if you must leave your home.

Below is a list of resources available to help you prepare, stay informed, and access assistance during and after the storm.

Stay up to date:
https://snow.baltimorecity.gov

Important Phone Numbers

Agency / Office	Number
Police and Fire Emergencies	911
Police and Fire Non-Emergencies and all other City Services	311
All Medical Transportation	(410) 396-7007

Agency / Office	Number
BGE	(877) 778-2222
MTA	(410) 539-5000
Poison Control	(800) 222-1222
Water Emergencies	(443) 263-2220
TTY/Voice	(410) 545-3112

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Baltimore City Snow Center

Winter Storm Information

Snow Maps

Useful maps under winter storm conditions. Maps include Snow Zones, Emergency Routes, and Snow Plow Pass Count maps....

Emergency Phases

A snow emergency has three phases. This page provides a description of what each phase means....

Important Phone Numbers

Phone contact information you may want to know or have handy during a snow emergency....

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Baltimore City is under a Code Blue Extreme Cold Alert Friday night, January 23, through, Tuesday, January 27.

Overview

The Health Commissioner declares a Code Blue Extreme Cold Alert during periods of extremely cold weather. Code Blue Extreme Cold is a multi-agency effort to reduce hypothermia deaths during the winter months by protecting the health and safety of individuals experiencing homelessness, older adults, and other vulnerable populations from extreme cold weather.

The Health Commissioner may declare a Code Blue Extreme Cold Alert based on the following criteria:

- When temperatures, including wind chill, are expected to be 13˚F or below. This threshold can be reached by having a temperature at or below 20˚F with 5 mph sustained winds or a temperature at or below 25˚F with 15 mph sustained winds.

- When other conditions (e.g., strong winds, extended periods of cold, sudden cold after a warm period) are deemed by the Health Commissioner to be severe enough to present a substantial threat to the life or health of vulnerable Baltimore City residents.

When possible, the decision to make a Code Blue Extreme Cold declaration will be made by 5:00 p.m. on the previous business day or by 5:00 p.m. on Friday before the weekend in which extreme cold is forecasted. When appropriate, the declaration will specify the risk period as “all day” or “night only” based on forecasted temperatures.

Individuals unsure of whether a Code Blue Extreme Cold Alert is in effect can call 311 for details. 311 operators will provide homeless shelter locations, safety tips, and information about cold-related illnesses and risk factors.

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Residents can also call 311 to report specific concerns about vulnerable neighbors during Code Blue Extreme Cold Alerts. Call 911 if you are having a cold-related emergency.

A Code Blue Extreme Cold declaration triggers several responses aimed at providing shelter and services for individuals experiencing homelessness.

- City-funded shelters will shelter-in-place to ensure any individual experiencing homelessness and wanting shelter will be accommodated. Private homeless shelters will be encouraged to extend their hours and keep individuals indoors.

- Homeless Services Outreach Workers provide cold-weather education, encourage individuals experiencing homelessness to take shelter, and connect them to services as needed.

- On nights when Code Blue Extreme Cold has been declared, the Salvation Army's **FEEDMORE** canteen provides hot drinks and other items to individuals experiencing homelessness.

A list of City Homeless Shelters and Services is available through the Mayor's Office of Homeless Services (MOHS), including information about the MOHS FY26 Winter Shelter & Code Purple Plan.

Energy Assistance/Weatherization Services

Those without home heating are particularly vulnerable to hypothermia and other cold-related health problems. The Baltimore City Community Action Partnership provides subsidies to assist low-income residents with heating bills. Individuals who have questions or need help paying their heating bills should call 410-396-5555.

To get a copy of the Energy Assistance Application or to check your application status.

Older Adults can get assistance completing and mailing energy assistance applications by contacting the Baltimore City Office of Aging & CARE Services at 410-396-CARE (2273).

https://health.baltimorecity.gov/emergency-preparedness-response/code-blue

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Resources For City Residents

Extreme Cold Weather and Preparedness Tips

- CDC Winter Weather: Before, During, and After
- Extreme Cold: A CDC Prevention Guide To Promote Your Personal Health and Safety
- Extreme Cold In Maryland – MDH Resources & Information

Cold Weather Tips For Pets

- Cold Weather Tips (ASPCA)
- Cold Weather Pet Safety (American Veterinary Medical Association)

Winter Weather/Storm Tips and Information

- BCHD Safe Snow Shoveling Tips
- Baltimore City Office of Emergency Management Winter Weather
- Baltimore City Snow Center
- Cold Weather Safety from the American Academy of Pediatrics
- DPW Cold Weather Tips - Protect Your Pipes
- Red Cross Winter Storm Safety
- Red Cross Winter Storm Safety - Spanish

Thank you,
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