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**FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ALABAMA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY  
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**Alabama Emergency Management Agency Urges Preparation for Freezing  
Forecast & Locating Your Nearest Warming Station**

CLANTON– The Alabama Emergency Management Agency encourages Alabamians to be prepared for freezing temperatures that will occur on Wednesday night into Friday morning. The National Weather Service has issued a Hard Freeze Warning and a Wind Chill Advisory in effect through Thursday for most of Alabama. Some temperatures may not get above freezing Thursday and will drop to single digits Thursday night.

Winter weather preparedness includes protecting pets, pipes, plants and people as well as making sure your home has a safe and adequate source of heat. Residents without sufficient heat in their home are encouraged to visit their local warming stations. Residents can find a list of warming stations and contact information for their local Emergency Management Agency by visiting [www.ema.alabama.gov](http://www.ema.alabama.gov).

**Safety reminders include the following:**

- Wear several layers of loose fitting, light-weight, warm clothing rather than one layer of heavy clothing.
- Insulate pipes and allow faucets to drip a little during cold weather to avoid freezing. Also keep cabinet doors open to allow heat to reach pipes.
- Bring pets inside.
- Watch for signs of hypothermia. These include uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, disorientation, incoherence, slurred speech, drowsiness, and apparent exhaustion.
- Never use a generator, grill, camp stove or other gasoline, propane, natural gas or charcoal burning devices inside a home, garage, basement, crawlspace or any partially enclosed area.

The Emergency Management Agency will continue to monitor the extreme winter weather until the threat diminishes.

For the latest weather conditions, visit [www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov) and click the area where you live or travel. The Alabama EMA also has additional information online at [www.ema.alabama.gov](http://www.ema.alabama.gov). Follow us on Facebook and Twitter @AlabamaEMA.

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