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Preparing for potential winter weather impacts

South Padre Island, TX, Jan. 23, 2026: The City of South Padre Island urges the community to prepare for the cold front that is expected to arrive Sunday through Tuesday, Jan. 27. Mother Nature is unpredictable and can raise some challenges when preparing for cold weather.

"AEP has informed me that they have reviewed all RGV hotspots and we appear to be in a favorable position downline. However, this will be a test of the grid following the winter storm in 2021, so families and individuals should be prepared in advance for a power outage. Monday is expected to be extremely cold, particularly the "feels like" temperature," stated Patrick McNulty, mayor, "If you have additional needs or are concerned about a potential power loss, please plan accordingly."

The National Weather Service has predicted that South Padre Island will be affected by the following: An Extreme Cold Watch is in effect for all of Deep South Texas for extreme cold from 3 a.m. until 8 a.m., Monday. Extreme Cold Warnings may go into effect on Saturday. Extreme Cold Warnings and/or Cold Weather Advisories may be needed early Tuesday morning.

Cold:

- Temperature is forecasted between 40 to 44 degrees by Monday morning.
- Wind chill temperatures falling to between 29 to 35 degrees by Monday morning.

Boat/Fishing/Surf:

- Small craft to remain anchored (in port) Saturday through Tuesday.
- Rough seas will be likely on the coastal Gulf waters late Saturday night into Monday.
- High Surf and stronger, more frequent rip currents will be likely at area beaches.
- Colder water temperatures are possible, especially in the Laguna Madre.

Suggested preparations:

- Be sure to have families check on elderly, infirm, and those who may not have adequate heating and ensure they are in a safe, warm location prior to the onset of the cold.
- Space heaters should be checked (again) for safe operations and operated at least three feet from any flammable items.
- Never operate a generator inside your home or garage—even if the doors and windows are open.
- Check vehicles for anti-freeze and wiper fluid (which also has an anti-freeze component).
- **Remember the 4-Ps: People, Pets, Pipes, Plants.**
- Sign up for Smart911, the City's emergency notification system that sends out notifications directly to you via your home phone, cell phone and/or email, by clicking [HERE](#).

South Padre Island Official Telephone Numbers

City Information (956) 761-8101
Cameron County Judge (956) 544-0830
Cameron County Sheriff (956) 544-6700
Cameron County Emergency Management (956) 547-7000
Pharr District Texas Department of Transportation (956) 702-6100
Brownsville National Weather Service (956) 504-1432
AEP Outages (866) 223-8508

Many use social media in the event of storms to let relatives and friends know they are safe. Social media provides the perfect platform to model preparedness actions for others. It is a great way to stay current with the City, state and national social media resources and warnings. Here are a few sites to make sure you are following:

- [City of SPI website](#)
- [City of SPI Facebook](#)
- [Red Cross](#)
- [Cameron County Emergency Management](#)
- [DriveTexas](#)
- [AEP](#)
- [ERCOT](#)
- [National Weather Service Brownsville](#)

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