

POLK COUNTY, TEXAS FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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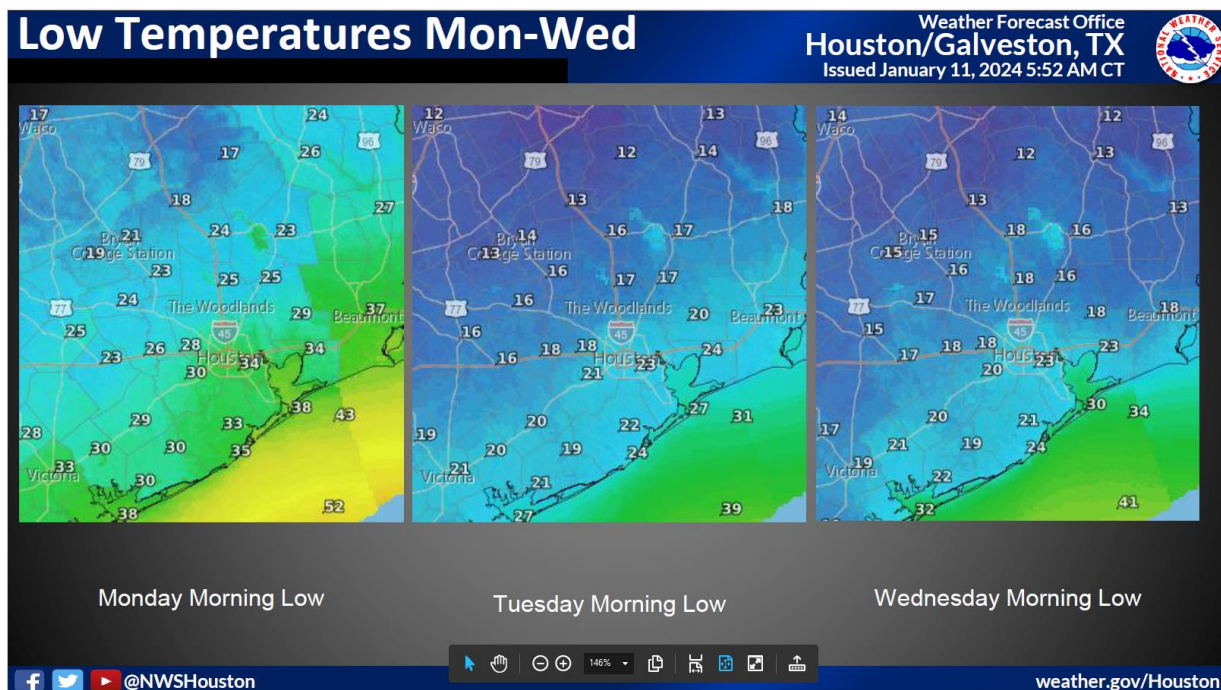


ARCTIC COLD FRONT WILL BRING HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS

According to the National Weather Service (NWS), an arctic cold front is forecast to cross the area from north to south late Saturday night, early Sunday morning. Behind the front, a very cold air mass will blanket the area bringing very low temperatures and windchills.

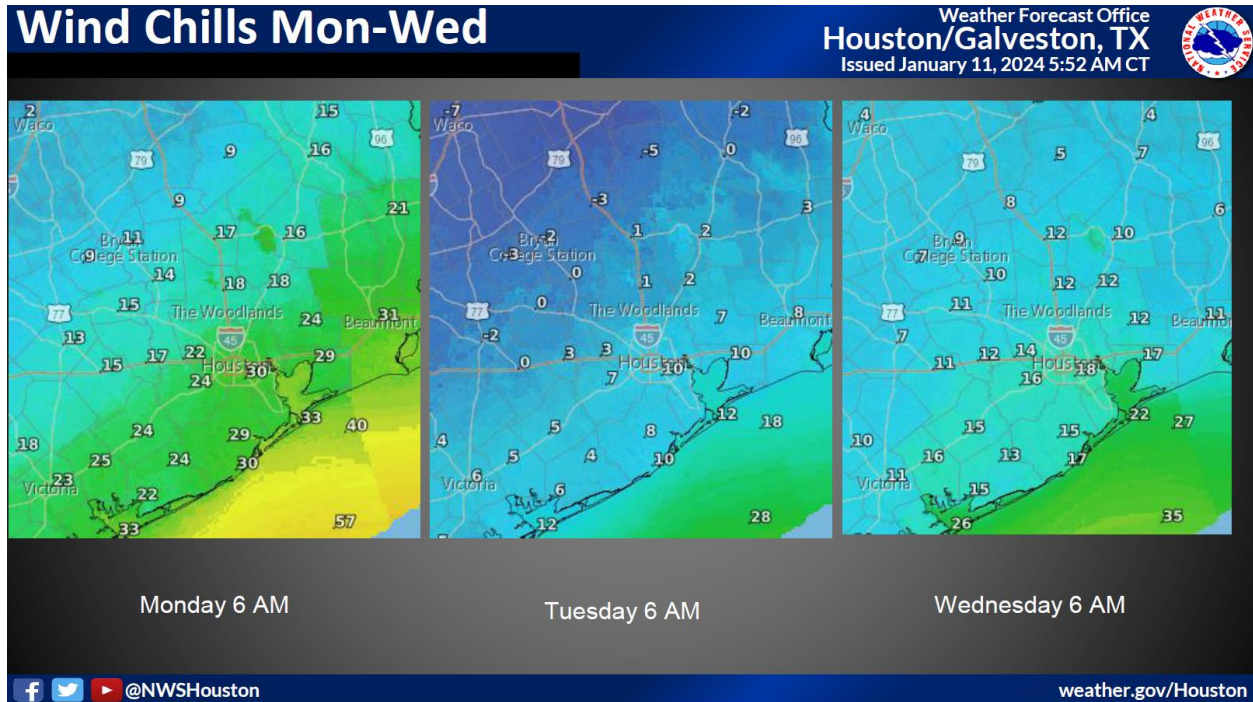
BELOW FREEZING TEMPERATURES

Temperatures will be 20-30 degrees below normal this weekend into early next week. NWS is forecasting temperatures as low as 23 degrees on Monday morning, 17 degrees on Tuesday morning, and 16 degrees on Wednesday morning. Our area may have approximately 61 consecutive hours of below-freezing temperatures. See graphic below:



DANGEROUS WINDCHILL CONDITIONS

Dangerously cold windchill values of 16 degrees Monday morning, 2 degrees Tuesday morning, and 10 degrees Wednesday morning are in the forecast. Limit time outdoors to reduce risk of hypothermia. See graphic below:



ICE ACCUMULATION FORECAST

Light freezing rain or freezing drizzle is possible starting late Sunday night into Monday evening. Amounts are uncertain, but generally less than 0.10" is expected. There is a probability of minor impacts from icing, mainly icy patches on roadways, especially bridges and overpasses, and slick spots on sidewalks. To monitor TXDOT road conditions, visit www.DriveTexas.org.

KNOW THE 4 P'S OF FREEZE SAFETY

- **Protect People:** Check on your family, elderly and neighbors that may need help winterizing their home or a warm place to stay.
- **Protect Pets:** Bring pets indoors. Ensure adequate warmth for livestock.
- **Protect Pipes:** Cover or insulate exposed pipes, including those pipes underneath raised homes.
- **Protect Plants:** Apply a thick layer of mulch around plants. Water your plants, which helps trap heat or slow heat loss around the plant. Cover plants or bring potted plants inside a shelter or into your garage.

Life Vine Church in the City of Livingston communicated to Emergency Management that their Thirty-Two Degrees ministry will be operational as follows:

Friday night (1/12/2024)

Sunday night (1/14/2024)

Monday 1/15/2024 (all day, possibly into Tuesday (1/16/2024)

Friday (1/19/2024) and Saturday (1/20/2024)

For more information and details on the Thirty-Two Degrees ministry, contact Life Vine Church.

To view the Texas Division of Emergency Management's warming center map, click the following link:

<https://tdem.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/interactivelegend/index.html?appid=063f8332ed024ebe8cf0760576311d0f>

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- Visit our website www.PolkCountyOEM.com for information.
- Register with AlertMePolkCounty to receive emergency alerts from Emergency Management, by visiting <https://polk.genasys.com/portal/en>.