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### **Be Prepared for a Cold Snap and Potentially More Snow**

City of Madison officials are working with Dane County staff as well as area non-profits, area utilities and others to prepare for the onslaught of below zero temperatures and brutal wind chill factors beginning today and extending for several days.

Local facilities that accommodate homeless individuals and families have extended hours and have suspended occupancy limits during this period. Additional details are available [here](#). Madison Police officers are working to assist people in need of shelter by providing information and assistance.

City facilities such as the libraries, the Madison Senior Center, and community centers will be open during regular business hours.

“At times like this, all City staff are working to ensure the safety of our residents and protect our most vulnerable,” said Mayor Paul Soglin.

Area utilities are on alert for power outages and reminding residents to check their gas meters and regulators. Homeowners are also being reminded to clear snow from the area around their dryer vents.

City Streets and other public works employees are continuing to manage the over seven inches of snow that fell this week and a Snow Emergency remains in effect for Thursday night, so downtown motorists need to move their vehicles accordingly. Additional information is available on the City of Madison [website](#). The cold temperatures will render road salt ineffective, so crews will be using sand to help with traction. There is a potential for several more inches of snow later this weekend.

It is more important than ever, during these challenging weather spells, that residents check in with neighbors, particularly those who are elderly or disabled.