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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE CHARLESTON SC  
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...COLD WEATHER PREPAREDNESS AND SAFETY INFORMATION FOR  
WEDNESDAY NIGHT INTO FRIDAY MORNING...

THE KEY TO ANY PREPAREDNESS AND SAFETY ACTIONS IS TO ACT WELL  
BEFORE ANY PROBLEMS OCCUR.

TRY TO STAY INSIDE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. IF YOU MUST BE OUTSIDE...  
DRESS APPROPRIATELY FOR THE COLD WEATHER. DRESS IN LAYERED  
CLOTHING...WITH A HAT...SCARF...AND MITTENS OR GLOVES.

PROTECTING PIPES FROM FREEZING...

REMOVE AND DRAIN OUTDOOR HOSES AND STORE INDOORS. IF POSSIBLE...  
CLOSE ANY VALVES THAT SUPPLY OUTDOOR HOSE BIBS...THEN OPEN AND  
DRAIN REMAINING WATER FROM OUTDOOR VALVES. CHECK ANY OTHER AREAS  
WHERE PIPES COULD BE EXPOSED TO THE COLD...AND COVER OR INSULATE  
THOSE PIPES IF POSSIBLE. LET AT LEAST ONE FAUCET DRIP INSIDE YOUR  
HOME TONIGHT...WHICH WILL HELP PREVENT ICE FROM BUILDING UP IN  
THE PIPES. OPEN UP THE CABINET DOORS UNDERNEATH ALL SINKS TO  
ALLOW FOR WARMER AIR TO CIRCULATE INSIDE.

OTHER AREAS AROUND THE HOME...

KEEP GARAGE DOORS CLOSED...ESPECIALLY IF THERE ARE WATER SUPPLY  
LINES LOCATED IN THE GARAGE. KEEP YOUR THERMOSTAT SET AT THE SAME  
TEMPERATURE DURING THE DAY AND THE NIGHT...HELPING TO MAINTAIN  
SUFFICIENTLY WARM TEMPERATURES INSIDE THE HOME...AND LOWERING THE  
THREAT FOR PIPES TO FREEZE. IF YOU ARE GOING AWAY...KEEP YOUR  
THERMOSTAT SET NO LOWER THAN 55 DEGREES.

PLANTS AND PETS...

IF THERE ARE ANY PLANTS OUTSIDE THAT WILL BE SUSCEPTIBLE TO THE  
COLD WEATHER...WE SUGGEST COVERING THEM OR IF POSSIBLE BRINGING  
THEM INSIDE.

DO NOT FORGET ABOUT YOUR PETS. IF YOU CAN...BRING THEM INSIDE AT  
NIGHT. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE...MAKE SURE THEY WILL HAVE PLENTY  
OF WARMTH SUCH AS BLANKETS OR OTHER COVERINGS TO REMAIN WARM.  
ENSURE THAT THEY HAVE PLENTY OF UNFROZEN DRINKING WATER.

THOSE SUSCEPTIBLE TO THE COLD...

CHECK ON THE ELDERLY AND OTHERS SUCH AS YOUNG CHILDREN AND THOSE  
WITH ILLNESSES THAT MAY BE MORE SUSCEPTIBLE TO VERY COLD  
TEMPERATURES. MAKE SURE THEY HAVE ADEQUATE HEATING AND SHELTER.

PORTABLE HEATING DEVICES...

IF USING HEATING DEVICES SUCH AS AN ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER...MAKE  
SURE IT IS IN GOOD WORKING ORDER...IS NEVER LEFT UNATTENDED...AND  
IS NOT LOCATED NEAR ANY FLAMMABLE MATERIALS. AVOID USING ANY  
HEATING DEVICES THAT USE AN OPEN FLAME OR COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS.

FOR ADDITIONAL COLD WEATHER SAFETY AND PREPAREDNESS INFORMATION...  
PLEASE VISIT THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN CHARLESTON AT...  
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