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NEWS RELEASE

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Time to Prepare: Granbury, Hood County Under Winter Storm Watch

Granbury, Texas – The National Weather Service has issued a Winter Storm Watch that remains in effect through 6 p.m., Monday. They expect an extended period of well below average temperatures for North Central Texas (including Granbury) through next week, with the coldest temperatures early next week below to much below freezing temperatures.

Winter precipitation – including snow, sleet and ice – with 4-6 inches accumulations are possible. These will likely create dangerous, icy road conditions, power outages and debris from fallen trees and limbs.

The City of Granbury management team and Hood County Emergency Operations staff continue to participate in regular calls with each other and the National Weather Service to prepare for freezing temperatures and wintry precipitation to impact our area beginning Sunday night.

The City of Granbury is taking the following actions:

- Public Works and Parks Department crews are prepping city infrastructure for freezing temperatures (i.e., draining irrigation systems, testing generators, topping off fuel, etc.).
- Staff is coordinating with the Texas Department of Transportation, the agency responsible for cold weather operations on state highways.
- Parks is preparing to close pedestrian bridges and park restrooms as early as Sunday, sanding walkways, covering vulnerable plants, draining pipes, wrapping drinking fountains, etc.
- Close communication continues with the City's solid waste and recycling vendor to quickly communicate service delays if necessary.

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What residents should do:

- STAY HOME AND AVOID TRAVEL -- especially bridges and overpasses -- during icy road conditions. Those who drive on icy roads place themselves in danger and risk the lives of first responders who come to help.
- When the temperatures drop below freezing, residents are encouraged to prepare their homes to avoid damage to water pipes, sprinkler systems, and swimming pools. The City does not turn off the water at the meter to prevent frozen pipes.
- Please remember to bring pets inside; wear layers of loose-fitting, warm, lightweight clothing rather than one layer of heavy clothing if you must go outside.
- Walk carefully on snowy, icy walkways.
- Always keep your gas tank at least half full to avoid ice in the tank and fuel lines.
- Remember to open flues when operating chimneys.
- Operate generators in a well-ventilated, outdoor location away from your homes.
- Do not leave space heaters on when sleeping.
- Sign up for the City's notification system, called "Notify Me," at <http://www.granbury.org/list.aspx> to receive essential updates, including changes to core city services.

For further questions or more information, please contact Granbury Public Information Officer Alex Southern at asouthern@granbury.org or 817-573-6764.

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