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GADSDEN COUNTY GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES OFFICE CLOSURES AND SERVICE CHANGES DUE TO EXTREME COLD WEATHER

GADSDEN COUNTY, Fla – In response to forecasted extreme cold weather conditions, Gadsden County Government offices will close at noon on Tuesday, January 21, 2025. The National Weather Service has issued a cold weather advisory for the area.

Weather Forecast:

- **Tuesday (Daytime):**
Mostly sunny in the morning, becoming mostly cloudy with snow developing in the afternoon. Snow accumulation is expected to reach up to 1 inch. High temperatures will be in the low 40s, with temperatures dropping into the upper 30s by the afternoon. North winds will be 10 to 15 mph, with gusts reaching up to 25 mph. There is an 80 percent chance of snow.
- **Tuesday Night:**
Snow, freezing rain, and a slight chance of rain or sleet are expected in the evening, with freezing rain likely after midnight. Accumulations of snow and sleet are anticipated to total about 1 inch, with ice accumulation of approximately 1/10 inch. Overnight temperatures will fall to the low 20s, with north winds at 5 to 10 mph, gusting up to 20 mph. The chance of precipitation is near 100 percent.

Safety Precautions and Recommendations:

Residents are advised to take the following precautions:

- Wear protective clothing, including a hat, face mask, and warm gloves or mittens if you must be outdoors.
- Limit travel if possible and exercise caution when driving.
- Keep pets indoors or provide them with warm, dry shelter, along with food and unfrozen water.
- Check on vulnerable family members, friends, and neighbors regularly.
- Use portable heaters with caution and never use generators or grills indoors.

County Office Closures:

The following Gadsden County offices will close at noon on Tuesday, January 21:

- Gadsden County Government Offices
- Gadsden County Libraries
- Gadsden County Mosquito Control
- Gadsden County Animal Control
- Gadsden County Parks

Emergency Preparedness Information:

Residents are strongly encouraged to follow their emergency preparedness plans.

For disaster planning resources and additional information:

- **FloridaDisaster.org** – Information on general and special needs shelters in Florida.
- **Visit Florida** – Travel safety information and lodging availability.
- **American Red Cross Shelter Directory** – A list of open shelters nationwide.

Important Contact Information:

For more information or assistance, residents can contact Gadsden County Emergency Management at (850) 875-8903. Additionally, Gadsden County residents are encouraged to sign up for emergency text alerts by texting **AlertGadsden** to **888777** for the latest weather and emergency updates. Sign-up is also available on the County's website at gadsdencountyfl.gov.

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