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Winter Weather Update

(Sedgwick County, Kan.) – This Friday, Sedgwick County is expecting a major winter storm with rain, freezing rain, and ice that could last through Sunday. Below are helpful tips to use before and during the storm.

Before the Storm

Download the Sedgwick County App

- Make a plan
- Build a kit
- Follow the county emergency log

Have enough food and water

- One gallon of water per person, per day
- Using canned food? Have a manual can opener

Power Outage Plan

- Identify someone/somewhere to stay
- Make sure your fireplace is clean
- Generators are fueled and prepared
 - NEVER OPERATE A GENERATOR INSIDE YOUR HOME
 - They give off toxic gases and will kill
 - · Generators should be outside
 - Use caution with open flames like candles in the house
 - Make plans for kids, pets or anyone with special needs
 - Plug in your weather radio, have spare batteries

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During the Storm

Do NOT call 9-1-1 for weather or power outage updates

Report power outages at <u>www.westarenergy.com</u> or 800-544-4857

Stay indoors

Walk cautiously on icy sidewalks

Stay warm and dry

If you must travel, do so only during the day

- Travel with a partner
- Let others know your route
- Stay on the main roads
- Allow plenty of extra time to arrive at your destination

Stay away from downed power lines

- Assume they are live
- Don't drive over
- Don't approach

Stay informed

- Monitor local media
- Use weather alert radio

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