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**For Immediate Release**

**Chatham County, GA (January 29, 2026)** - An Extreme Cold Weather Advisory has been issued for Chatham County. Dangerously cold temperatures will move into our area Saturday evening and continue through Monday morning. Temperatures will drop into the low 20s, with wind chill temperatures dropping below 10 degrees. There is a chance of rain and/or snow Saturday afternoon into Sunday.

Chatham County, the City of Savannah, and community partners are working together to open a warming center at the Greenbriar Children's Center for those without heat or housing.

The Greenbriar Children's Center gymnasium, located at 3709 Hopkins Street, will open Saturday at 7 p.m. and close at 7 a.m. the following morning. The center will open again Sunday night at 7 p.m. and close at 7 a.m. Monday morning. Pets, under the owner's control, are welcome.

**Shelter Information: Greenbriar Children's Center gymnasium – 3709 Hopkins Street.**

- 7 p.m. Saturday, January 31st – 7 a.m. Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>
- 7 p.m. Sunday, February 1st – 7 a.m. Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Pets allowed
- On-site security provided

**MEDIA Opportunity:**

**CEMA Director Dennis Jones will be available for interviews at the Greenbriar Children's Center from 3:30-4pm Friday. Media will be able to tour the center at that time.**

Media will not be allowed inside the warming center once it is in use. Media may **call (do not text)** Catherine Glasby at 912-661-0397 with any questions over the weekend.

**Cold Weather Safety Tips** Residents are encouraged to prepare for the coming cold weather. As temperatures drop, remember to protect the 4 P's: People, pets, pipes, and plants.

- Minimize time outdoors
- Prepare for power outages.
- Check on the elderly and other vulnerable people to ensure wellbeing.
- Keep your pets warm, dry, and indoors as much as possible.
- Ensure your pet's food and water do not freeze.
- Limit outside time for your pet and keep them bundled up.
- Insulate pipes if possible.
- Open sink cabinets to expose pipes to heated air.
- Disconnect hoses and turn off water to sprinklers.
- Know the temperature thresholds of your plants.
- If possible, cover plants before the cold weather sets in to help retain some heat.

Bundling up and staying dry are two of the best ways to stay safe in cold weather. Wearing layers helps your body hold in heat as temperatures drop.

- In cold weather: Wear 2–3 layers, a warm hat, gloves, and a jacket that blocks wind and wet snow. Wear 1–2 warm layers on your legs and waterproof boots.
- In extreme cold: Wear 3 or more layers, including one warm, insulating layer. Add a warm hat, gloves, a wind-blocking outer coat, 2 or more warm layers on your legs, and waterproof boots.

Use caution when using an alternate electricity or heat source like a generator or space heater.

- Never use an oven or stovetop to heat your home.
- Never use a generator in a closed space. Make sure it is outside where exhaust fumes can safely vent.
- Make sure your space heater has an automatic shut-off.
- Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from heating equipment.

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