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Mayor McCarthy: Take Precautions for Extreme Wind Chill and Cold Temperatures

SCHENECTADY – Mayor Gary McCarthy urged residents take precaution for the extreme wind chill and cold temperatures forecasted throughout the week. The National Weather Service has issued a [Wind Chill Advisory](#) that remains in effect until 1:00 pm on Thursday.

“Please prepare for and exercise caution during the next few days while we experience extreme cold temperatures and wind chill,” **Mayor McCarthy** said. “This not only includes staying warm but also exercising good home heating and fire safety measures and ensuring proper water and plumbing services.”

Schenectady Fire Chief Ray Senecal reminded residents using space heaters not to use extension cords, not to overload circuits, and to keep areas clear around heaters. He also urged property owners and residents to ensure their smoke and carbon monoxide detectors have functioning batteries.

“Property owners are also advised to please keep fire hydrants clear of snow during the winter months, and also to check the health and safety of your neighbors during these extreme conditions,” **Chief Senecal** added.

To take preventative water and plumbing action, Schenectady Commissioner of General Services Paul Lafond recommended letting your faucet drip slowly during the extreme temperatures to prevent bursting pipes.