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January 23, 2026

Winter Brush Collection Begins February 2

The Public Works Department will begin its annual winter curbside brush collection on Monday, February 2, 2026. Loose brush must be set out at the curb by 7:00 AM on that day. Please follow these guidelines when preparing your branches:

- Brush must be 8 inches or less in diameter to accommodate the chipper.
- Firewood, tree stumps, and root balls will not be accepted because of the potential to damage the chipper.
- Branches should be as long as possible with cut ends facing the street, without impeding traffic or blocking the sidewalk.
- Clean Christmas trees (without lights or decorations) will be accepted.



Crews will make only one pass down each street. If brush amounts are excessive, it may take all week to finish the collection.

The collection may be delayed due to snow. An announcement will be made if the pickup needs to be rescheduled due to poor weather conditions.

For more information, visit our [website](#) or call Public Works at (847) 705-5200.

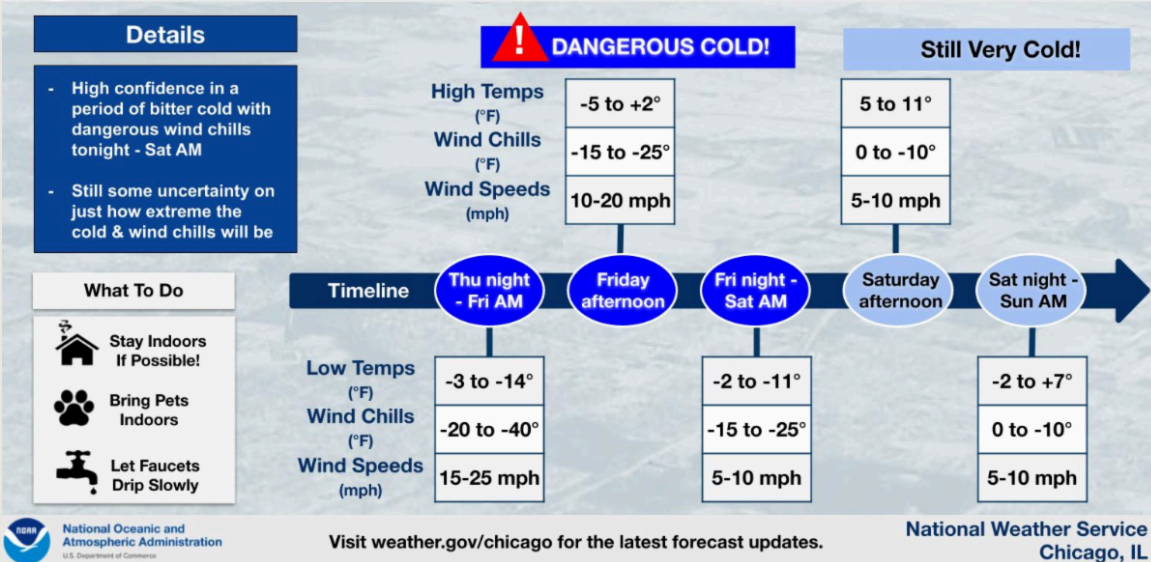
Dangerous Cold



Dangerous Cold Timeline

January 22, 2026
5:42 AM

Timeline of temperatures, wind chills, and wind speeds through the weekend



With the dangerous cold conditions residents are urged to take the following precautions, including dressing warmly, limiting time outdoors, protecting pets, and safeguarding homes by insulating pipes and ensuring heating systems are functioning properly. Use space heaters safely by keeping them at least three feet away from anything that can burn, never leaving them unattended, and ensuring they are in good working condition. Avoid using ovens or grills to heat your home, and make sure smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors are working properly.

In addition, with the unsafe temperatures, Cook County's Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security has an updated list of warming centers for residents to protect themselves and their families.

[Look Up the Nearest Warming Center](#)

Extreme Cold Weather Tips

Prepare for the extreme cold weather and snow event in the coming days with these tips to stay safe, comfortable, and reduce your energy expenses:

1. **Reduce Thermostat Settings:** Consider lowering the temperature on your thermostat below 70 degrees to reduce energy consumption during extreme cold weather events.
2. **Selective Space Heating:** Use space heaters wisely by focusing on heating rooms where you spend the most time, like the living room or bedroom. This approach maximizes warmth where it matters most.
3. **Weather Stripping:** Apply weather stripping to windows and doors to seal gaps and keep the winter chill from sneaking into your home. This simple step helps maintain a cozy indoor temperature.
4. **Fireplace Damper Management:** Close the fireplace damper when not in use to prevent cold air from entering through the chimney, maintaining a warmer indoor



environment, and saving on energy expenses.

5. Open Cabinet Doors: To help prevent pipes from freezing within your home, open cabinet doors to allow space heating to reach the areas below the faucets and sinks in the kitchen, bathrooms, and laundry room especially interior pipes situated within the outside walls of your home.
6. Natural Light Utilization: Take advantage of natural light during the day by opening blinds. Sunlight not only provides extra heat but also allows you to enjoy the winter wonderland outside without relying on artificial lighting.

In addition to these tips above, prioritize safety by clearing snow away from outside utility meters and HVAC vents. This precautionary measure helps prevent potential carbon monoxide poisoning within your home or business. Make these winter tips part of your routine to stay warm and ensure safety during the upcoming winter advisory!

Source: [MC Squared Energy Services, LLC](#)

Want to Learn CPR?



The Palatine Fire Department has spots open for their upcoming CPR class on February 11th. Whether you're looking to learn CPR for the first time or need to recertify, this is your chance!

Here are the details:

- Wednesday, February 11, 2026
- Location: Fire Station 84, 220 W. Illinois Ave, Wilson Meeting Room, Palatine
- Time: 6pm-8pm

Ready to sign up? Visit the Fire Department [website](#) to secure your spot and get more information.



Christmas Trees and Wreaths

Live Christmas trees and wreaths can be placed at the curb on your scheduled collection day throughout January. Please remove all lights, ornaments, and bags.

For more information, contact the Environmental Health Division at



Holiday Light Recycling Program

Holiday string lights can be dropped off at the Palatine Village Hall, Village Services Counter (first floor), Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. until January 31, 2026.

Upcoming Community Events

Palatine Winter Farmers' Market

Palatine Train Station
Saturday, February 7, 9:00 a.m.

Bingo

American Legion
Saturday, January 24, 6:00 p.m.

Open House (Preschool - Grade 2)

Immanuel Lutheran School
Thursday, January 29, 5:00 p.m.

Early Bird Summer Pool Passes

Palatine Park District
On Sale Beginning February 2

Preschool Salt Creek Park District

Rose Park Community Center
Open Registration February 2

Preschool Preview

Palatine Park District
Thursday, February 5, 5:30 p.m.

Sweetheart Ball

Twin Lakes
Friday, February 6
Saturday, February 7

Candidate Forms Primary Election

Harper College Wojcik Center
Democratic Candidates, 2/7, 10:00 a.m.
Republican Candidates, 2/7, 1:00 p.m.

(click on the event name for more details)

Park District Outdoor Ice Rink

The Palatine Park District Outdoor Ice Rink, located on the basketball court closest to the amphitheater, is open weather permitting during the months of January and February.

Monday-Friday

Free Skating: 9AM-7PM
Hockey: 7PM-10:30PM

Saturday-Sunday

Free Skating: 9AM-6PM
Hockey: 6PM-10:30PM



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