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A Winter Storm Watch is in effect from late Thursday night through Sunday morning.

A multi-hazard winter storm with combination of strong winds, very cold temperatures, snow, and blowing snow expected.

Beginning tonight, Thursday, December 22, and continuing into Friday morning, rain will abruptly change to snow and a flash freeze is likely, with lake effect snow continuing through the weekend.

On Friday, December 23rd, and through Saturday night into Sunday morning, there is an expectation of damaging winds and blowing snow causing low visibility at times, downed trees, possible power outages, and could blow away any unsecured objects. Wind gusts between 45 to 55 mph are expected. Extreme cold and dangerous wind chills of -25 to -30F expected Friday morning through Sunday morning, with the coldest temperatures expected Friday night and Saturday night. Exposed skin will be vulnerable to frost bite in minutes.

Initial bursts of snow are expected with the cold front on Friday morning with a quick 1” to 2”. After a brief break, snowfall is expected to return Friday evening, turning into a lake effect event on Saturday with a possible 4” or more throughout the day and into Sunday morning.

During the storm, we will have additional Police Officers and Fire Department on staff. All Service trucks are prepared, and we have full salt bins. As with any storm these predictions may change, but our planning is based upon the current predictions, and again your safety is our utmost concern. Our administrative staff are briefed and prepared to execute our emergency plan for such a winter storm event.

We have made the following decisions in an effort to concentrate on our snow removal program keeping our streets and residents as safe as possible:

- We are cautioning our residents to drive only when absolutely necessary during the winter storm Thursday night through Saturday. If you must drive, or be out walking, please use extreme caution as streets and sidewalks we become hazardous as a result of the predicted weather.
- Brecksville Fieldhouse, Community Center, and Human Services Buildings will

be closed on Friday, December 23rd for normal activities. The Brecksville Human Services Building will be used as a warming center if you should lose your power.

The Human Services Center is located at
2 Community Drive
Brecksville, Ohio 44141

If the conditions change for the better, we may open the Community Center and Fieldhouse at 12:00 noon on Friday. We will send out another message via e-mail as well as post on the City website and Facebook account. Please make sure you check prior to leaving for either facility. [Brecksville Home Page](#)

- The Service Department **WILL** pick up regular rubbish routes, however, the Recycling Drop-off Center will be closed Saturday, December 24th.
- We have already, as many other cities have, invoked the Snow Parking Ban. The prediction is for snow starting this evening and throughout the weekend. Please, no parking on the streets tonight and until such time as the ban is lifted.

We anticipate the worst as we issue this warning, and at the same time, hope the predictions fall short. Our main concerns are the temperature, high winds, wind chills, and icy conditions. Again, please review our City webpage and Facebook for any updates or changes to our plan.

In anticipation of your patience and cooperation, we thank you.



If you are in need of non-emergency assistance please call:

Brecksville Police Department Non-Emergency

440-526-8900

Brecksville Fire Department Non-Emergency

440-526-2640

Brecksville Service Department

440-526-1384

You may receive the voicemail box, please leave a message, these phones will be monitored.

If there is a power outage at your home, please call the
Illuminating Company at

1-888-544-4877

They need to hear from you that your power is out.
Please avoid any down power lines.

The website to track the most up-to-date information for this storm is:
The National Weather Service for Cleveland, Ohio
<https://www.weather.gov/CLE>



On behalf of Brecksville City Council, our Boards and Commissions, all City employees, and me personally, we wish you a very

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

We hope you receive and enjoy all of the blessings of this holiday, remembering the true meaning of Christmas. God bless you all.

Jerry N. Hruby
Mayor