

ATTENTION

Cold Temperatures Coming – Stay Safe

City Manager Robert Nixon has put together a list of safety tips and emergency contact numbers to assist citizens during the upcoming cold weather.

Cold Weather Safety Tips

- 1. Check on the elderly and less fortunate to make sure everyone has a warm place to stay. The American Red Cross suggests wearing loose-fitting layers instead of a bulky sweater to keep warm.
- 2. If it's too cold for you, it's too cold for your pets. Animal fur does not act as an extra blanket during cold weather. Bring your pets inside doors while temperatures are below 45 degrees Fahrenheit.
- 3. Water plants ahead of a cold snap. Cover plants with blankets, sheets, or towels. Move plants indoors or close to the house, and if possible, place heating lamps or Christmas lights near plants
- 4. The most common property damage during the winter months is from frozen pipes. Here are a few suggestions.
 - Wrapping pipes with insulation
 - Keeping garage doors closed, if near water lines
 - Letting the faucet drip during extreme cold
 - Setting home's thermostat to no lower than 55° F
- 5. Cold weather can impact vehicles in several ways.

- Make sure vehicles are up to date on maintenance and monitor any sluggishness that can lead to bigger issues.
- Check battery: Make sure it isn't weak before the onslaught of winter
- Check fluids: Low temperatures can cause fluids to thicken lines to freeze. Remember cold air also reduces tire pressures, which can lead to unsafe wear.
- 6. Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from any heat source like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators, or space heaters. Check all smoke detectors to ensure working properly.

Emergency Contact Numbers

City Manager Robert Nixon – 850-688-4435

City of Quincy Fire Department – 850-875-7315

City of Quincy Police Department – 850-627-7111

City of Quincy Utilities Department - 850-627-9506 (after hours)

Gadsden County Emergency Operations – 850-875-8642

Emergency – 911

City Commission

Mayor Keith Dowdell, District One – 850-241-8100

Mayor Pro Tem Anessa Canidate, District Five – 850-728-8231

Commissioner Angela Grant Sapp, District Two - 850-321-8797

Commissioner Ronte Harris, District Three – 850-879-1377

Commissioner Frieda Bass-Prieto, District Four – 850-582-7200