
Memorandum

Memorandum No: 23-119

Date: March 16, 2023
To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
From: Ryan Henderson, Interim City Manager 
Re: Hazardous Weather Outlook – March 16, 2023

The National Weather Service has issued a Hazardous Weather Outlook for North and Central Texas for Thursday, March 16. Showers and thunderstorms are expected to develop today with a severe threat this afternoon and evening. Large hail (greater than golf ball size) will be the main threat with initial storm development. As a cold front approaches late this afternoon, the threat of damaging wind will increase. There will also be a potential for tornadoes into the evening hours. Strong winds will spread into the region behind the cold front this evening with wind gusts up to 45 mph.

The Emergency Management Division in coordination with the Public Works Department has begun the initial preparation for the upcoming hazardous weather event. The following actions have been/will be taken by city staff and partners:

- Generators have been checked;
- Public Works staff began filling water storage tanks earlier today;
- Public Works has three personnel on call tonight, with an additional three on standby;
- If a large response is required, Public Works is prepared to bring all hands on deck;
- An operator will be watching the SCADA system remotely and if there are any power outages an operator will be brought in; and
- Chainsaws, backhoes, and other equipment are ready to clear debris if needed.

Attached as an exhibit to this memorandum is the Emergency Management Command Chart. The Emergency Management Command Chart dictates the chain of command, maintains operational continuity, and assigns areas of responsibility during a declared or potential emergency or during a significant public health and safety event.

Attachments:

Exhibit 1 – Emergency Management Command Chart

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Greg Peters, Interim Assistant City Manager
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Taylor Lough, Assistant City Manager
Management Team

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