

PRESS ALERT CITY OF GRETNA For Immediate Release

Gretna Water Department 504-363-1540 Gretna City Hall: 504-363-1500 Please call to report any water issues.

City of Gretna Closures

Due to severe winter weather, all City of Gretna offices will be closed on Tuesday, January 21 and are expected to reopen on Wednesday, January 22, contingent upon freezing conditions.

Garbage collection will also be suspended on Tuesday, January 21 and will resume on Wednesday, January 22. All garbage not picked up on Tuesday will be collected as normal on Friday, January 24.

The City of Gretna water department recommends residents take precautionary steps to winterize their homes ahead of the upcoming freezing temperatures. If your home has exposed pipes, please use adequate insulation material to protect them. If your home sits on a concrete slab you have added protection from the elements.

The common practice of letting your faucets run during freezing temperatures can put a strain on the entire water system with such water usage. If you decide to run water inside your home, please only run a stream the size of a pencil tip or a slow, steady drip. Additionally, only run your water when the temperature is below freezing. Once temperatures reach above freezing, running your water is not necessary.

The City remains vigilant and stands ready to meet the needs of the community, but we ask that our residents do their due diligence by staying tuned to your local weather authority and by staying off icy roads to avoid dangerous circumstances.

All City emergency services will continue throughout this freeze event. To report Cityrelated emergencies, call 504-363-1500. For all other emergencies, dial 911. You may also visit www.gretnala.com or facebook.com/CityOfGretna for additional information and regular updates, as well as the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development website for up-to-date road conditions (<u>www.dotd.la.gov</u>) / 1-877-452-3683.