



Notice:

Widespread freezing temperatures and dangerous wind chills are forecast for the nights of Saturday, January 31, and Sunday, February 1, 2026. The arrival of an Arctic air mass will bring a high risk of wind gusts over 35 mph on Saturday afternoon and evening. Extremely cold wind chills are expected Saturday night, with a high potential for a hard freeze across a large portion of the area. The current forecast calls for near-record low temperatures at multiple locations on Sunday and/or Monday. Based on the current forecast, the lowest wind chills on Sunday morning are expected to range from 9° to 20° across east central Florida.

Issued By:

Town Manager, with information provided by the Office of Emergency Management

Affected Area:

Portions of west central and southwest Florida, including the town of Montverde

Immediate Recommended Precautions:

- Keep pets indoors as much as possible.
- Make frequent checks on older family, friends, and neighbors. Ensure portable heaters are used correctly. Do not use generators or grills inside.
- Take steps now to protect tender plants from the cold.
- Disconnect hoses from outdoor faucets.
- To protect exposed water pipes—such as above-ground sprinkler pipes and wells—from freezing, wrap them, drain them, or allow them to drip slowly.
- WILLOW RIDGE RESIDENTS and others with above-ground backflow devices – All homes in Willow Ridge are equipped with above-ground backflow devices in their front yards that may be prone to freezing. When the temperature is forecast below freezing, let cold water drip from the faucet served by exposed pipes, such as your kitchen sink. Running water through the pipe—even at a trickle—helps prevent pipes from freezing. Additionally, consider covering exposed outdoor pipes for added protection.

If you have a life-threatening emergency – call 911

If you need to contact the town public works department after hours, call the regular number at 407-469-2681 and follow the prompts to reach an after-hours attendant.