



CITY OF KENNER

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WINTER STORM UPDATE NO.1

Kenner, LA. -The bulk of the wintry precipitation hadn't reached Kenner and the south shore by 8 a.m., but weather forecasters say it is on its way and could leave up to half an inch of ice and perhaps some snow before ending sometime after midnight.

By 8 a.m., a mix of freezing rain and sleet was falling north of our area and moving toward Kenner and the metropolitan area. At the same time, the temperature had just fallen below 40 degrees and is expected to be at or near freezing by 1 p.m.

"The storm will be here soon and I strongly urge everyone to stay off the roads," Kenner Mayor Michael Yenni said. "Please remain alert and take precautionary measures."

Kenner remains under a Winter Storm Warning through 6 a.m. Wednesday. According to forecasters from the National Weather Service, a cold rain will arrive first, with sleet and freezing rain more likely after 1 p.m. as temperatures drop closer to freezing.

Dangerous driving conditions are the most significant danger from this storm, followed by the risk of scattered power outages.

"Ice accumulations of a quarter of an inch have the potential to cause significant problems with power lines and tree limbs becoming too heavy to maintain their integrity," forecasters said.

To report a power outage to Entergy, call 1-800-968-8243 (1-800-9OUTAGE). To view a real-time map of power outages in the area, go to <http://www.etrviewoutage.com/external/la.aspx>.

In addition, a hard freeze is forecast for Tuesday night and Wednesday morning, with lows expected in the low to mid 20s. Another light freeze is forecast for Wednesday night and Thursday morning, with lows near 30 degrees.

Residents should play close attention to local news and radio stations for update. Information regarding weather conditions can also be found on the city's website, www.kenner.la.us, the Kenner Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/officialcityofkennergovernment> and Kenner's Twitter handle @CityofKenner.

Kenner's Emergency Action Team, including Mayor Yenni's staff, will remain on alert status throughout the weather event. Kenner's Office of Emergency Management continues to actively monitor the situation and coordinate with parish officials. Work crews for the city are available if necessary to respond to any hazards.

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