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OVERNIGHT FREEZE FORECAST WEATHER EXPECTED TO LAST UP TO 14 HOURS

Kenner, LA. - The coldest weather in several years is forecast to drop temperatures below freezing for 10 to 14 hours tonight and Tuesday morning, putting plants, pets and pipes in danger, according to the National Weather Service.

Highs today are expected to remain in the 30s, but feel much colder because of blustery winds of up to 30 mph. Tuesday morning's low in Kenner could range mid- to upper 20s, with highs on Tuesday only in upper 30s, with winds of 10 to 15 mph making it feel colder.

Most spots on the south shore, except those directly along the coast, are expected to see temperatures dip below 26 degrees for several hours overnight, according to the National Weather Service. That's cold enough to damage unprotected pipes.

A hard freeze warning has been issued for the south shore, including Kenner, beginning at 6 p.m. Monday and continuing through 9 a.m. Tuesday.

The National Weather Service recommends the following precautions until the weather moderates somewhat on Wednesday, when highs are expected to reach the low 50s:

- Only go outside if you must and be sure to dress warmly. "Layers of clothes will keep you warmer than a single heavy coat. A hat is also important as 20 percent of body heat loss is through the head."
- Keep pets indoors
- Move plants indoors if possible or provide protection. "Horticultural and agricultural losses can be significant without proper mitigation measures."
- Use portable heaters carefully.

"It's important not to underestimate the potential danger from the freezing weather we are facing," Kenner Mayor Michael Yenni said. "And after you have taken the proper safety precautions for you and your family, think of any relatives or neighbors who could use some help."

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