

Evergy prepares as first winter storm of 2025 predicted

Cold weather, snow expected to affect service area

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 2, 2025 – Evergy is preparing for the first potential cold snap and winter storm of the new year that could impact our service area.

Evergy power plants are available to meet customers' needs through the upcoming cold weather. The Southwest Power Pool (SPP) has issued a Weather Advisory for Sunday, Jan. 5 through Wednesday, Jan. 8. SPP Weather Advisories signal for utilities that are SPP load serving members to remain aware of changing weather and system conditions and communicate local system conditions to the SPP.

Evergy's power plant teams start preparing for winter storms and cold weather during the fall to ensure heating for water lines, systems and buildings is all in good working order. Additionally, they ensure needed fuel is available to run the units through the winter months. Teams perform maintenance during fall, when power demand is lower, so that the plants are ready to run through the winter, mitigating the risk of taking the plants offline. Power plants are staffed 24 hours a day, and Evergy will have extra staffing in place over the weekend to address issues if they arise.

The impact of the winter storm on power outages will depend on the weather conditions. Hazardous road conditions caused by significant snow or ice would slow down any power restoration work, if necessary. Like others, Evergy is closely monitoring forecasts to ensure needed crews and other staff are available. Customers are also encouraged to be prepared in case of power outages:

- **Download Evergy's mobile app** to easily report outages. The app is available for download in the Apple App Store and Google Play Store.
- **Assemble an emergency kit** stocked with:
 - Water
 - Non-perishable food
 - Prescription medications
 - Fresh batteries
 - Battery-powered radio
 - Flashlight
 - First aid kit
 - Cell phone charger or power bank
- **Keep cell phones and other necessary electronics charged.**
- If a member of your household or someone you know can't safely stay home during an extended power outage, **have a plan in place.**
- **If you rely on electronic medical equipment, have a plan** in case a large storm causes extended outages. Enrollment in the Evergy medical customer program can provide additional communication during storms.
- **If you see a downed line, stay at least 30 feet away** from it. Assume all downed lines are energized. Report downed lines to Evergy at www.evergy.com/powerlinesafety. In an emergency, notify 9-1-1.

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Evergy, Inc. (NASDAQ: EVRG), serves 1.7 million customers in Kansas and Missouri. Evergy's mission is to empower a better future. Our focus remains on producing, transmitting and delivering reliable, affordable, and sustainable energy for the benefit of our stakeholders. Today, about half of Evergy's power comes from carbon-free sources, creating more reliable energy with less impact to the environment. We value innovation and adaptability to give our customers better ways to manage their energy use, to create a safe, diverse and inclusive workplace for our employees, and to add value for our investors. Headquartered in Kansas City, our employees are active members of the communities we serve.

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