



KANE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
MEDIA ADVISORY

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**Residents urged to prepare for winter storm**

The Kane County Office of Emergency Management and Kane County Health Department are advising that an ice storm warning is in effect from midnight Monday, Dec. 10, through midnight on Tuesday, Dec. 11. The warning is in effect for Kane, DeKalb, Lee, Ogle, Lake, McHenry, Boone and Winnebago counties,

The National Weather Service is predicting freezing rain and sleet, possibly mixed at times with snow and sleet, will develop after midnight. Precipitation will gradually change to mostly freezing rain Tuesday morning. Precipitation could fall heavily at times, leading to potential rapid ice accumulations, especially on elevated objects such as trees and power lines.

“Residents are urged to take caution and travel when only necessary,” Health Department Executive Director Paul Kuehnert said. “Please check on the well-being of elderly neighbors and others with special needs.”

Indications are that a portion of this warning area could receive a quarter- to one-half inch of ice, in addition to some snow accumulations. Any small change in the forecast temperature, either at the surface or aloft, could impact the expected precipitation type and amounts.

An ice storm warning means severe winter weather conditions are expected or occurring. Significant amounts of ice accumulations will make travel dangerous or impossible. The storm is likely to severely impact commerce. If you must travel, keep an extra flashlight, food and water in your vehicle in case of an emergency. Ice accumulations could likely lead to snapped power lines and falling tree branches. Person with portable heaters or generators should maintain proper ventilation when using them. More information is available at <http://www.ready.illinois.gov/during/winterstorms.htm>.

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