



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Emergency Management Media Release

**From:** Sergeant Donna Black  
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**Re:** Cold Weather Preparedness Information

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### Hazardous Weather - Extreme Cold

#### **Do You Know the 5 P's Of Cold Weather Preparedness?**

- Protect People
- Protect Plants
- Protect Pets
- Protect Exposed Pipes
- Practice Fire Safety

#### **What Actions Should You Take To Be Prepared?**

Stay indoors and use safe heating sources.

Be aware of the fire danger from space heaters and candles, keep such devices away from all flammable materials such as curtains and furniture, and install recommended smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Indoors, do not use charcoal or other fuel-burning devices, such as grills that produce carbon monoxide. Install at least one carbon monoxide detector per floor in your home.

Outdoors, stay dry and in wind protected areas.

Wear multiple layers of loose-fitting, warm clothing.

Drink plenty of non-alcoholic fluids and eat high-caloric foods.

(Source: FloridaDisaster.org)

#### **Cold Weather Shelter, Hernando County**

Shelter from the cold is available at Jericho Road Ministries, Homeless Shelter and Rescue Mission.

#### Shelter Locations

Men's Shelter	1090 Mondon Hill Road Brooksville FL 34605 352-799-2912 Ext. 103
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Women's Shelter "Mary's House"	1163 Howell Avenue Brooksville, FL 34601 352-799-2912 Ext. 109
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**Intake Procedure** (from the Jericho Road website: <http://www.jericho-road.net/Services/shelters.html>)

Men and women are received daily at the Rescue Missions for lodging between the hours of 4:00PM and 10:00PM. Anyone under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol will not be permitted to enter the facility. Sunday assistance must be prearranged by 3:00PM Saturday.