

# WINTER WEATHER RESOURCE GUIDE



- For Wichita/Sedgwick County, Emporia/Lyon County, Ford County, Hays, Junction City, and Reno County
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- Information is provided as a community service and does not necessarily constitute endorsement or approval by United Way of the Plains.
  - This is not a complete list of resources and information is updated regularly; for the most current listings, please call us at 2-1-1, text ZIP code to 898-211, or visit [211Kansas.org](http://211Kansas.org).
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## WICHITA/SEDGWICK COUNTY:

- [Link to Winter Shelter Resource Card](#)
- **Second Light Emergency Shelter**  
1025 N. Main St., Wichita  
(316) 201-1066  
Shelter is open 24/7 until March 15
- **Wichita Animal Shelter**
  - Is allowing unhoused people seeking emergency shelter during this weekend's winter storm to board their pets for 72 hours at no cost at the animal shelter. Learn more [here](#).
  - Bridgebuilders ICT can help coordinate transportation. Contact Donna at (785) 925-5187.

## RENO COUNTY:

### Emergency Shelter:

- **Noel Lodge**  
400 W 2nd Ave c, Hutchinson, KS 67501  
Phone: (620) 259-7769  
\*Clients must check in by 5 PM\*
- **Bright House (DV/SA Survivors)**  
Phone: (620) 665-3630  
24-hour availability

### Food Assistance:

- **Christian Soup Ministry (Soup Kitchen)**  
301 E 3rd Ave, Hutchinson, KS 67501  
Phone: (620) 662-6468  
Saturday: 2 PM – 6 PM  
Sunday: 2 PM – 6 PM
- **First Church of God**  
704 N Jefferson St, Hutchinson, KS 67501  
Phone: (620) 662-6689  
Sunday meal at 12 noon

## Clothing & Winter Essentials:

- **Basement of Faith (Faith United Methodist Church)**  
820 E 30th Ave, Hutchinson, KS 67502  
Friday from 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM
- **Foundation of Life Ministries**  
114 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Hutchinson, KS 67501  
Sunday from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

## EMPORIA / LYON COUNTY:

### Warming Centers:

- **Emporia Police Department**  
The entryway is open 24/7 to those in need of shelter from severe cold temperatures. Pets welcome if controlled by the owner.
- **Lyon County Sheriff's Office**  
Lobby open 24/7 to those in need of shelter from severe cold temperatures. Pets welcome if controlled by the owner.
- **Emporia Public Library**  
110 E 6th Avenue  
Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Saturday and Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- **Bloom House Youth Services**  
301 West 11th Avenue
  - Please note: This is a shelter for teens under 18 and their families. Individual adults stopping in for the warming center during the winter weather emergency must not stay more than necessary for warming. They will be offered a hot beverage and the ability to use the restroom.
  - Pets are welcome if controlled by their owners. Dogs must be on leashes at all times and well-behaved around cats.

## HAYS:

- **The Hearth**, First Baptist Church, 1111 Fort St.  
Open Dec. 1 – Feb. 28  
Guests must sign in between 8 – 10 p.m.  
If no guests have signed in by 10 p.m. we will close for the night.  
<https://www.ourecma.com/the-hearth>

## FORD COUNTY:

### WARMING SHELTER

Please contact Ford County Emergency Management to be listed as a Warming Shelter: (620) 801-4401

**VFW Post #1714**  
Location: 909 13th Ave. Phone Number: (620) 225-7081  
Hours: Overnight Shelter / Pets are welcome  
Enter through the west door  
(please keep pets on a leash or in kennels)

**YMCA**  
Location: 240 San Jose Dr. Phone Number: (620) 225-8157  
Hours: Mon - Fri: 8AM - 9PM Sat: 8AM - 6PM Sun: 1PM - 6PM

**Village Square Mall**  
Location: 2601 Central Ave. Phone Number: (620) 227-8196  
Hours: Mon - Sat: 10AM - 9PM & Sun: 12PM - 6PM

**Dodge City Public Library**  
Location: 1001 N. 2nd Ave. Phone Number: (620) 225-0248  
Hours: Mon - Fri: 9AM - 7PM & Sat: 9AM - 5PM

**Catholic Charities of Southwest Kansas**  
Location: 804 N 2nd Ave. Phone Number: (620) 227-1562  
Hours: Fri: 8AM - 5PM

**Manna House:**  
Overnight Shelter (Limited Availability) Location: 1012 First Ave.  
Check Bed Availability by Calling: (620) 227-6707

**For More Information:**  
Ford County Emergency Management (620) 801-4401  
United Way of Dodge City (620) 227-8793, 2601 Central Ave.

## JUNCTION CITY:

### Shelter

- **Fresh Start Emergency Shelter**  
Open overnights 6 p.m. – 8 a.m.
- **JC Warming Shelter**

**THE Magdalene PROJECT**

### JC Warming Shelter is Open

Friday, 1/23 8am to Monday 1/26, 10am

## WE DON'T WANT YOU IN THIS DANGEROUS COLD!

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE HEAT OR ARE UNHOUSED PLEASE COME STAY WITH US. THE WARMING CENTER WILL BE HELD AT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL, 126 W. 7TH STREET, JUNCTION CITY

YOU WILL HAVE A WARM PLACE TO SLEEP AND 3 DELICIOUS MEALS/DAY

This is a low barrier shelter. Limited background check required. If you have an ID please bring it with you. No weapons, alcohol or drugs allowed on the property. Unfortunately we can not accept pets in the Hall but can arrange for temporary shelter for them.

**WAYS TO HELP:**

- Volunteer to cover a 4 or 6-hour shift
- Donate blankets or sleeping bags
- Drop off supplies (cleaning, TP, snacks)
- Sign up to provide a warm meal
- Give towards the program

A special thank you to the Knights of Columbus for their partnership in allowing us to use their Hall!