

WINTER WEATHER RESOURCE GUIDE



UNITED WAY
of the Plains

- For Wichita/Sedgwick County, Emporia/Lyon County, Ford County, Hays, Junction City, and Reno County
- Updated: Jan. 22, 2026

- 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.

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. 8th 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**

 

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!