

# Staying safe, warm in frigid wind chills



Winter in Nebraska doesn't just mean snow. Dangerous wind chills can pose problems for anyone who has to be outside.

Taking a few simple precautions can help you protect yourself.

It's best to limit your travel time when subzero temperatures strike, and any time spent outside should be kept to a minimum. If you have to go out, protect yourself from

wind chills by dressing correctly.

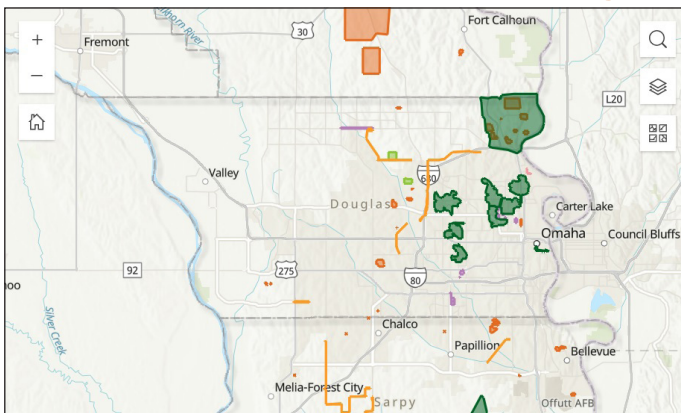
That means multiple layers of clothing, including proper headwear to retain heat, and shielding as much skin as possible from the elements.

The National Weather Service's wind chill index helps determine when dangerous conditions develop that could lead to frostbite or hypothermia. It accounts for heat

loss from the human body during cold and windy weather.

For example, a temperature of -5 degrees with a 20 mph wind would create a wind chill of -30 degrees. That means your body would lose heat at the same rate as it would if the air temperature were -30 degrees with no wind.

## How to track OPPD projects in your neighborhood



Nebraskans who notice an OPPD project in their neighborhood have a new, easy-to-use online resource to learn more about what's happening.

The new Projects in your Neighborhood webpage

offers a clickable, searchable map of work throughout OPPD's service territory. You can visit the page at [oppd.com/Projects](http://oppd.com/Projects).

The map includes a search bar where visitors can type an address to see nearby work. Or they can scroll around on the map itself. Click on a colored line or shaded area, and a window opens with details including a project's location, start

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### MARCH BOARD MEETINGS

**All-committee meeting:** Tuesday, Mar. 18 (see [oppd.com/BoardMeeting](http://oppd.com/BoardMeeting) for details). **Regular board meeting:** Thursday, Mar. 20, 5 p.m. (see [oppd.com/BoardMeeting](http://oppd.com/BoardMeeting) for details). Hearing-impaired call 531-226-3208, 72 hours prior to request an interpreter. Agendas posted and meetings viewable on [oppd.com/BoardMeeting](http://oppd.com/BoardMeeting).

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date, timeline, progress made, contractors that are involved, and a link to even more information.

Each color represents a specific type of work: Dark green for vegetation and tree trimming. Dark orange for underground cable replacement. Purple for power quality improvement projects. Visitors can click the layers

button in the upper right corner to see a map legend.

Right now, the map focuses primarily on medium- and longer-term projects rather than smaller, short-term work. Most of the listed projects are at least three-month commitments.

OPPD created the page to provide one centralized location for projects.

Before, project information was scattered throughout different areas of OPPD's website and could be challenging to find if you didn't know where to look.

Use this QR code to visit **oppd.com/Projects**.



## OPPD board approves \$2.3 billion Corporate Operating Plan



OPPD's board has approved a new plan to promote a reliable, resilient power supply amid record load growth, new planning-reserve margin requirements and extreme weather.

The \$2.3 billion Corporate Operating Plan (COP) for 2025 includes an average rate increase of 6.3% across all customer categories. Residential customers will see an 8.4% increase.

The proposal will help OPPD modernize and fortify the system

that serves all customers against future stresses, including the kind of extreme weather that struck eastern Nebraska in 2024.

Last year's big weather events account for approximately one-quarter of the proposed rate increase. Severe winter storms, floods, tornadoes and hurricane-force winds battered OPPD's service territory. A major July 31 windstorm caused the largest customer outage in OPPD's history.

The plan also will help OPPD keep pace with unprecedented new demand for electricity. Demand is rising at a time when the Southwest Power Pool has

imposed larger planning-reserve margin requirements on its members, including OPPD, to ensure regional reliability.

Additionally, new technology known as advanced metering infrastructure will give customers more precise and timely information about outages.



## Don't forget to register for Heat the Streets Run & Walk



Don't forget to register for the 18th annual Heat the Streets Run & Walk for Warmth, co-hosted by OPPD and Metro-

politan Utilities District.

The event is Saturday, March 1, at Aksarben Village in Omaha. Participants will begin at Zone 6 in Akrsarben Village. Events include a timed 5K and 10K runs and an untimed, two-mile walk. The timed events begin at 9

a.m., with the untimed walk to follow at 9:15 a.m. A virtual option is also available.

The event raises money for OPPD's Energy Assistance Program and M.U.D.'s Home Fund. For more information, visit

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