



# **THE CITY OF LAKE JACKSON**

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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**Lake Jackson, Texas**

### **ROAD CONDITIONS & POWER UPDATE**

The major roads in Lake Jackson are clearing as the ice melts, which should make them safe enough to drive on. However, all roads should still be treated as dangerous and travel throughout the region may be difficult, if not impossible in some areas.

The City of Lake Jackson does not control the power grid; however, the system is experiencing a record high demand that is far outpacing its output capabilities, resulting in an unprecedented power shortage. In response, CenterPoint began controlled power outages to comply with an order from ERCOT, the state's electrical grid operator. These measures will continue until the electrical supply in Texas stabilizes.

**These major power disruptions should be expected through at least tomorrow.**

As of this morning, all 911 and police department phone lines (979-415-2700) are back operational. The temporary number that had been previously posted (979-482-1129) is no longer being used. Please call the normal business numbers for the police department and the City of Lake Jackson.

Unfortunately, the Lake Jackson Police Department dispatchers cannot provide citizens with any information on when the power will return. If you experience low water pressure or a loss of water, attempt to treat your home system first or call a plumber. If the problem persists or you experience a break/leak, call dispatch. City crews are currently responding to numerous calls for bursting pipes and are responding in the order they come in.

What residents should do:

- Keep pipes wrapped and continue running swimming pools.
- Remember to open flues when operating chimneys.
- Operate generators in a well-ventilated, outside location away from your home, windows and intake vents.
- Do not leave space heaters on when sleeping.
- Reduce your water and energy consumption as much as possible.

Although we are not on any water advisories currently, we need your help conserving water due to leaks and high usage throughout the system. For example, now that temperatures are above freezing, you do not need to drip water your faucets.

Please be aware that any appliance or heater that uses propane or natural gas produces carbon monoxide as a byproduct. It is odorless, colorless, and tasteless; Often time you do not know that there is a problem until it is too late. Practice safe heating methods and follow manufacturer recommendations for usage.