



2023-24 Cold Weather Plan

DELAWARE COUNTY

The Delaware County Cold Weather Plan (CWP) is in effect from November 1, 2023, to April 1, 2024. The CWP coordinates County contracted shelter services with a response for vulnerable and unsheltered people in Delaware County. Many of the services described in the CWP are in place and operational regardless of the temperature. In times of severe winter weather, when possible overflow shelter beds are made available and expanded street outreach occurs. The Delaware County Department of Human Services, Adult and Family Services coordinates shelter services and oversees the CWP for unsheltered people. In addition, the Delaware County Health Department and the County Office of Services for the Aging (COSA), both provide other services and education to the community regarding cold weather survival.

Initiating the Cold Weather Plan

The purpose of the CWP is to ensure that vulnerable unsheltered persons come in from the cold and are warm and safe. Adult and Family Services is responsible for declaring a Code Blue for Delaware County when the temperature is 32 degrees or below. If a shelter provider cannot provide shelter directly, vulnerable persons are referred to other programs for the evening.

Shelters and Overflow Beds

Shelter Program	Location and Contact Info	Population Served	# of Beds Available	# of Overflow Beds Available
Breaking Bread Community	107 Long Lane Upper Darby (484) 462-0135	Single Adults	15	2
Life Center of Eastern Delaware County	6310 Market St. Upper Darby (610) 734-5770	Single Adults	34	7
Salvation Army	151 W. 15 th St. Chester (610) 874-0423	Single Adults	30	5

www.DelcoHomelessServices.org

In an emergency call 911

Expanded Outreach

During Code Blue conditions, Outreach staff will circulate in areas frequented by unsheltered persons. The goal of the Outreach Team is to locate unsheltered persons and bring them to safety in a warm facility. Overflow shelter beds are utilized for identified unsheltered persons. Outreach services are available 24 hours a day. Call:

(267) 671-4357

Community Education and Awareness

To ensure that the Delaware County community knows the resources available for residents during the winter months and where to find those resources, the following organizations provide education and awareness activities:

➡ **Homeless Services Coalition, Adult and Family Services** - Annually updates, produces and distributes **The Homeless Services Resource Guide** county-wide and is also available on the Internet at: <https://delc HOMELESSservices.org/printable-resource-guide>

➡ **The Delaware County Health Department** - Provides information to help people avoid medical emergencies, such as hypothermia and frost bite.

➡ **The Delaware County Office of Services for the Aging (COSA)** - Extends outreach to senior citizens, conducts outreach and wellness checks on vulnerable seniors and prepares and distributes the pamphlet "Winter Weather Warm Up - Tips to Staying Healthy in the Cold Winter Months." Cold weather tips can also be heard on COSA's informational-only weather phone line **(610) 872-1558** from December 1st through April 1st each year.

➡ **Community Action Agency (CAADC)** - The County's official anti-poverty agency can assist economically disadvantaged eligible households through their weatherization program. On a limited basis, CAADC can provide heating oil assistance and can assist people in applying for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) which helps people afford their winter heating bills.

In an emergency call 911

Resources can be obtained on provider websites or by calling the provider directly.

Adult and Family Services	(610) 713-2365	https://www.delcohsa.org/
County Office of Services for the Aging (COSA)	(610) 490-1300	https://www.delcosa.org/
Delaware County Health Department	(484) 276-2100	https://www.delcopa.gov/health/
Community Action Agency of Delaware Co.	(610) 874-8451	https://caadc.org/

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