

Freeze watch in effect from late Tuesday night through Wednesday morning.



The national weather service in Tampa Bay area - Ruskin, FL, has issued a freeze watch, which is in effect from late Tuesday night through Wednesday morning.

3 to 5 hours of freezing temperatures are anticipated overnight Tuesday into Wednesday. North winds of 5 to 10 mph will combine with the cold temperatures to create very cold wind chill readings in the lower 20s to near 20 degrees. Precautions should be taken to protect cold sensitive pets & vegetation.

To prevent freezing & possible bursting of outdoor water pipes, pipes should be wrapped, drained, or allowed to drip slowly. Those that have in-ground sprinkler systems should drain their systems or cover any above-ground pipes to protect them from freezing.

A freeze watch is issued for the potential of a widespread and damaging freeze within 24 to 48 hrs. During the freeze period, temperatures may remain below 32 degrees for more than 8 hours.

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