

## Manatees Try To Keep Warm Near FPL Plant

*Zoo Animals Given Space Heaters, Boxes For Warmth*

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Even the animals are trying to keep warm.

About 300 manatees gathered Tuesday in the water near the Florida Power & Light plant.

"Although we are not making electricity today with the Riviera plant, we are heating the water," said FPL spokeswoman Pat Davis.

When the temperature in the Intracoastal Water drops to 61 degrees or below, FPL turns on its heaters to warm up the water -- something the manatees have come to expect.

"We have turned on our heating system for the last few days to accommodate the manatees who tend to congregate here during the winter months for the warm water outfall that comes with the plant," said Davis.

In West Palm Beach, some parrots at the Palm Beach Zoo were trying to escape the cold by huddling up next to a set of space heaters.

"Some of the animals that don't do as well in small or confined spaces, we'll give them heat sources in their habitats," said Keith Lovett, director of living collections.

Many of the smaller animals were brought inside. For those staying outside, such as the kimono dragon, space heaters were also used.

Small monkeys and primates seem to get the coldest, so the zoo's staff made little boxes to cut down on the wind.



Hundreds of manatees try to keep warm in the water near the FPL plant in Riviera Beach.