

# WINTER WEATHER PREPAREDNESS

People/Pets/Travel/Warning

## PEOPLE

Have everything you need:

- Medication (at least three days)
- Assistive Devices - wheelchairs, oxygen, etc. (back up power, spares)
- Clothes
- Personal Care
- Cash
- Important documents



Check on neighbors who may need assistance, such as the elderly, ill, or access and functional needs.

## PETS

Have everything you need for your pets:

- Medication (at least three days)
- Food (at least three days)
- Water (at least three days)
- Vet records
- Updated chip information
- Crate, blankets, toys
- Leashes/collars

Take your pets with you if you leave your home. Don't leave them behind.

Bring pets inside in cold weather. If you cannot, provide warm, covered shelter with fresh, unfrozen water.

## TRAVEL

Stay where you are if possible.

If you must travel in winter weather

- SLOW DOWN
- Keep extra distance between cars
- Pump brakes to slow down
- Turn into a skid if you slide
- Keep phones charged
- Keep to main roads
- Let others know your route

Have an emergency kit in your car:

- Water
- Snacks
- Power bank
- Tools
- Blankets
- Jumper cables
- Emergency signals



## WARNINGS

Have multiple ways to get info:

- Outdoor Warning System
- NOAA weather radio (battery)
- Broadcast and Social Media
- Wireless Emergency Alerts
- Phone Apps

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## Home/Generator/Power Outage

### HOME

Have at least 3 days of supplies per person:

- Food - non-perishable and non-heated
- Water - 1 gallon per day
- Batteries/power banks
- First aid kit
- Tools
- Paper goods for food and cleaning
- Cleaning supplies/trash bags



Block drafts under doors or around window with blankets/towels

Wrap pipes and keep faucets dripping in cold weather.

Have chimneys and fireplaces inspected

Only burn firewood in fireplaces - other materials may have toxins that could be released.

Have working carbon monoxide detectors, go outside or open a window if you feel lightheaded.

### OUTSIDE

- Work and walk slowly and in short amounts of time outside your home
- Dress in layers to protect body heat
- Apply sand, rock salt, or melt chemicals if possible to sidewalks and driveways

### POWER OUTAGES

Stay where you are if it is safe.

- Turn off all electronics
- Keep a light on to know when power is restored
- Keep refrigerator/freezer closed as much as possible.
  - Refrigerator good for 4 hours
  - Freezer up to about 24 hours
  - Throw out all warm food
- Have alternate ways to keep medicine cold and assistive devices running - like spare batteries/power packs
- Use flashlights or glowsticks for alternate light instead of candles.

### GENERATORS/SPACE HEATERS

If you have a generator:

- Keep generators outside at all times
- Ventilate generators well
- Have generators installed by professionals only



#### Space Heaters

- Check for frayed wires or other damage
- Keep stable and away from curtains or other flammable items
- Ovens are not recommended for heat sources