

winter safety

PREPAREDNESS

Have extra blankets on hand

Ensure each member of your household has a warm coat, gloves/mittens, hat and water-resistant boots

Assemble a disaster supplies kit for your home containing:

- First aid kit and essential medications
- Battery-powered NOAA Weather Radio and portable radio, flashlight and extra batteries
- Canned food and non-electric can opener
- Bottled water

Have your car winterized before winter storm season

Assemble a disaster supplies kit for your car including:

- Battery jumper cables
- First aid kit
- Shovel
- Basic tool kit (pliers, screwdriver, adjustable wrench) and pocket knife
- Sleeping bags or blankets
- Extra winter clothing (caps, socks, mittens, and boots)
- Food supply of high-calorie, non-perishables (canned nuts, candy, nutrition bars)
- Windshield scraper
- Flashlight and transistor radio with extra batteries for each
- Bag of sand
- Bright colored cloth
- Wireless phone, if available

AWARENESS

A severe Winter Storm WATCH means that conditions are favorable for a severe winter storm in your area.

A severe Winter Storm WARNING means that a severe winter storm is occurring or will definitely occur in your area.

ACTION

After a Winter Storm Warning is issued

Stay indoors during the storm

If you must go outside, several layers of lightweight clothing will keep you warmer than a single heavy coat. Gloves and a hat will prevent loss of body heat. Cover your mouth to protect your lungs.

Understand the hazards of wind chill.

Walk carefully on snowy, icy sidewalks

Have emergency supplies in the trunk of your car

Keep the gas tank full.

Let someone know your destination, your route, and when you expect to arrive.

