Winter Weather





Severe winter weather can have a devastating impact on your home and your family. Take preventive measures well before winter arrives to ensure your home and family will be safe from the ravages of icy winter weather.

Just follow the Three Ps of Preparation:

People (and Pets)

Prepare a winter weather safety kit. Include first aid materials, flashlights, dried food items and water.



- Educate your family. Make sure that everyone in your family understands what steps to follow during severe winter weather.
- **Be aware.** Listen to weather forecasts to ensure sufficient warning prior to the storm's arrival.

Property

■ Winterize your walls, ceiling and attic. Insulation ensures your home remains protected against falling outdoor temperatures.



- Apply weather stripping and caulking. To keep cold air out and warm air in.
- **Insulate your pipes** to prevent freezing and bursting.
- Ensure carbon monoxide and smoke detectors function properly.
- Check the **structural integrity** of your home's roof. Fortify potential trouble spots.
- **Install storm windows** and apply window sheeting.

Possessions

Winterize your vehicle. Keep your vehicle's gas tank and antifreeze reservoir full.



- Ensure blankets and extra clothing are readily available to avoid frostbite.
- Clean your wood burning stove frequently, removing soot and buildup.
- Store enough **fuel** to operate a generator or portable heating device.

In the event of severe winter weather, it is imperative that you carefully monitor local weather reports and follow all advisories for precaution and evacuation from local authorities. Ensuring the safety of you and your family, as well as your property, begins with being properly prepared.

