

“Winter SURVIVAL Tips”

PREPARE YOURSELVES & STAY SAFE

HOME PREPAREDNESS

- Have safe emergency heating sources
- Dress warmly
- Store drinking water, 1st aid kit, canned/no-cook food, non-electric can opener, radio, flashlight and EXTRA BATTERIES where you can get to them easily (even in the dark)
- Keep vehicles fueled and in good repair with a winter emergency kit in EACH
- Get a NOAA Weather Radio to monitor the weather situation

PREPARE YOURSELF

- Know the warnings and alerts in your area:
 - “WINTER STORM WARNING”: Take action, the storm is in or entering the area
 - “BLIZZARD WARNING”: Snow and strong winds and cold will produce blinding snow, near zero visibility, deep drifts, and life threatening wind chill – seek refuge immediately
 - “WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY”: Winter weather conditions are expected to cause significant inconveniences and may be hazardous, especially to motorists
 - “FROST/FREEZE WARNING”: Below freezing temperatures are expected
- Know how to
 1. Turn off gas, electric power, water
 2. How to reach or help neighbors, people with disabilities, seniors, employees
 3. How to reach other household members

WINTERIZE YOUR HOUSE:

- Install storm shutters, doors, windows
- Clear rain gutters
- Repair roof leaks
- Check the structural ability of the roof to sustain unusually heavy weight from the accumulation of snow (or water if drains on flat roofs do not work)