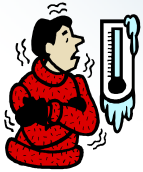


Winter Weather Tips



Home Safety



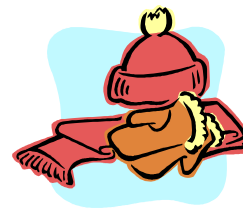
Baby, it's cold outside!

What those “Winter Storm Warnings” really mean, and how to effectively prepare for them:

“Winter Weather Advisory”	Expect hazards
“Frost/Freeze Warning”	Below-freezing temperatures
“Winter Storm Watch”	Be alert: A storm is very likely
Winter Storm Warning”	Take action: storm is entering your area
“Blizzard Warning”	Seek refuge immediately: near-zero visibility and drifts

- Get Prepared!** There are some simple things that can be done to keep your family warm and safe this winter season:
- Make sure attics and walls are well-insulated
 - All those windows and doors need to be weather-stripped and drafts sealed!
 - Have the water lines running to/inside your house insulated to prevent pipe freezing
 - If your pipes are subject to freezing, or it's a particularly cold night, leave your faucets dripping slightly to ward against freezing
 - Another tip is to leave any under-sink cabinets open to allow the heated air to reach the pipes
 - If you are using a space heater, never leave it near water or on top of any furniture
 - Always keep heat sources at least three

- feet away from any furniture or curtains
- Conserve your energy/fuel sources: Temperatures of 65F during day/55F at night have been suggested; also, close off any unused rooms to lessen the strain on your heating systems
- If you do venture outside, remember to dress warmly in loose-fitting, layered clothing



Don't Forget About Your Car!

Your car will need to be taken care of this season just like your home. Here are a few simple tips concerning your car in the winter:

- Check ALL major fluids and use a “wintertime mixture” for your windshield wiper fluid

- Always keep your car well-fueled
- Always have a windshield scraper inside
- Put rock salt and sand in your trunk
- Keep extra gloves, hats and coats
- Road maps/compass
- Get a tool kit

- Always listen for travel warnings and avoid icy roads if possible
- You can put anything in the “Winter Emergency” checklist in your car too!



Winter Emergency Food & Safety Checklist:

- Canned and non-cook foods
- Plenty of drinking water
- Medications and First-Aid kit
- Rock salt (for walkways)
- Battery-powered radio
- Flashlights
- **DON'T FORGET:** Plenty of extra batteries and a non-electric can opener!