

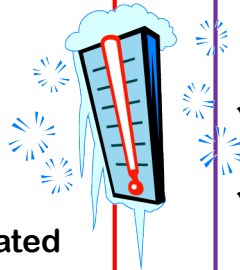


Cold Impacts & Preparedness



Potential Impacts

- Frozen pipes could become a significant problem.
- Dead car batteries could strand people.
- Any power outages that occur (weather related or not) could leave people without heat.
- People may improperly use secondary sources of heat; increasing chances for Carbon Monoxide poisoning.
- Structure fires could escalate.
- Frostbite/hypothermia.
- Ice jams could become a problem.

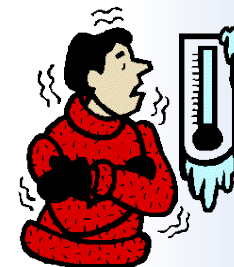


Safety Tips

- ✓ Stay indoors during the worst part of the extreme cold.
- ✓ Keep a [winter survival kit in your vehicle](#) if you must travel.
- ✓ Check tire pressure, antifreeze levels, heater/ defroster, etc.
- ✓ Learn how to shut off water valves for potential pipe bursts.
- ✓ Trickle water through their pipes and to increase heating in crawl/ceiling spaces to prevent freezing in the first place.
- ✓ Check on the elderly.
- ✓ Bring pets inside.

How to Dress

- Wear layers of loose-fitting, lightweight clothing.
- Wear a hat.
- Cover your mouth to protect your lungs from extreme cold.
- Mittens, snug at the wrist, are better than gloves.
- Try to stay dry and out of the wind.



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