

Cold Weather Preparedness Tips

In the Car

- ✓ Fully check and winterize your vehicle before starting your travel: Make sure your car battery has enough power, and your car is filled with antifreeze.
- ✓ Keep your gas tank near full to prevent ice from forming in the fuel lines.
- ✓ If you are planning travel, carry a winter storm survival kit:
 - ✓ Blankets
 - ✓ Flashlight
 - ✓ High-calorie snack foods
 - ✓ Jumper cables
 - ✓ A water container.
 - ✓ Make sure your cell phone is fully charged.

At Home

- ✓ Let your faucets drip to prevent freezing water from causing pipes to burst.
- ✓ Make sure your pipes are properly insulated and leave cabinet doors open around pipes to ensure they receive warmth from the air flowing through your home.
- ✓ Protect/Bring inside outdoor plants.
- ✓ Provide shelter for pets and check on elderly.
- ✓ Have a flashlight and extra batteries available. Avoid using candles since these can become a fire hazard.
- ✓ If you have a fireplace or wood stove, make sure you have a good supply of firewood. Learn to use any emergency heating sources properly to prevent a fire.
- ✓ Close off unneeded rooms and place towels or rags in cracks under the doors.



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