

Winter at Home.

BEING PREPARED TO WEATHER THE COLD SEASON

What Can I Do?

Insulate



Install weather stripping, insulation, and storm windows. Insulate water lines that run along exterior walls.



Carbon Monoxide

Install a CO detector to alert you of the presence of the deadly, odorless, colorless gas. Check batteries regularly.



Shoveling

Work slowly. Wear appropriate outdoor clothing.



Heating

Have your heating system serviced professionally to make sure that it is clean, working properly and ventilated to the outside.



Roof

Clean out gutters and repair roof leaks.



Chimney

Inspect and clean fireplaces and chimneys.



Source

Have a safe alternate heating source and alternate fuels available.



Smoke

Keep grills, camp stoves, and generators out of the house, basement and garage. Locate generators at least 20 feet from the house. Install a smoke detector. Test batteries monthly.



No Heat.

Immediately report lack of heat or hot water by calling 311.

Outdoors

Wear appropriate outdoor clothing: layers of light, warm clothing; mittens; hats; scarves; and waterproof boots.

Sprinkle cat litter or sand on icy patches.

Be aware of the wind chill factor.

Work slowly when doing outside chores.

Take a buddy and an emergency kit when you are participating in outdoor recreation.

Emergency Kit

Carry a cell phone

Keep an up-to-date emergency kit, including:

Battery-operated devices, such as a flashlight, a radio, and lamps; extra batteries;

first-aid kit and extra medicine; baby items.

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