



WINTER STORMS (Snow, Freezing Rain, Sleet, Hail and High Winds)

Help prepare yourself and your household before the storm....

- Get your **emergency supply kit** ready... (Have a kit for both your home and your car). Have enough provisions for a minimum of three days.
- Have **rock salt** to melt ice on walkways, sidewalks and driveways.
- Keep **sand** (in your car and at your home) to improve traction.
- Have a **snow shovel** and other snow removal equipment.

Before The Storm - Home Preparation

- Winterize your home (insulation, caulking, plastic).
- Check your heating fuel/sources.
- Have an adequate supply of warm clothing and blankets.
- Keep fire extinguishers in your home at all times and make sure everyone knows how to use them.

During the Storm

- Dress for the Season.
- Avoid overexertion when shoveling snow.
- Watch for signs of Frostbite (skin appears to be waxy, numbness or blisters).
- Watch for signs of hypothermia (slurred speech, weakness, dizziness and shivering).

Before The Storm - Car Preparation

- Keep your **gas tank** as full as possible.
- Check all **vehicle fluids** (anti-freeze, oil, windshield solvent).
- **Winterize your vehicle** (Check tires, battery, lights, exhaust system, thermostat, ignition systems, brakes, air filters, etc.).
- Remember to **travel on main roads** and avoid shortcuts.

Winter Storm Terminology

Snow - Frozen water vapors that turn into ice crystals. When they reach the ground they are in the form of flurries or flakes.

- **Flurries** - light snow falling for short durations with no anticipated duration.

Freezing Rain - Rain that freezes when it hits the ground, creating a coat of ice.

Sleet - Rain that turns into ice pellets before reaching the ground; often causing moisture on the roadways.

Hail - Small balls of harden ice that fall like rain.

Winter Storm Watch - A winter storm is possible in your area.

Winter Storm Warning - A winter storm is occurring or will soon occur in your area.

Blizzard Warnings - Frequent wind gusts of 35 mph or greater with substantial amounts of falling or blowing snow. (Normally prevails for periods of 3 hours or

Winter Car "Survival" Kit

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| - Shovel | - Battery Powered Radio |
| - Windshield scraper | - Flares |
| - Small broom | - Jumper Cables |
| - Water | - Distress Flag |
| - Snack foods | - First Aid Kit |
| - Matches | - Salt/Sand |
| - Flashlight & batteries | - Warm Clothes/Supplies (blankets, Blankets, hats, gloves, socks) |