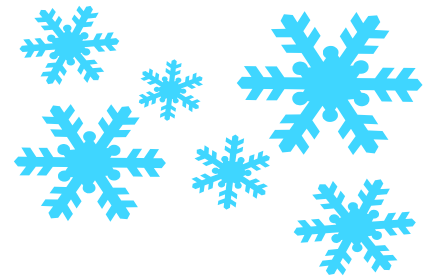


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Severe Cold Weather Alert

During winter weather it may be best to stay home. If you have to leave the house, make sure that you *Prepare, Plan and Be Informed*. Follow these helpful tips to be sure you are ready for the snow and cold:

- **Wear several layers** of warm, loose fitting and lightweight, clothing rather than one layer of heavy clothing.
- **Stay dry** - outer garments should be tightly woven and water repellent.
- **Wear a hat and mittens** - remember mittens are warmer than gloves.
- **Cover your mouth** with a scarf to protect your lungs.
- **Continue to check** weather and road condition advisories.
- **Check on elderly or disabled** family, friends and neighbors - know ahead of time how you can help.
- **Listen to local officials.**
- **Limit time outdoors** for you and your pets.
- **Be sure your home and pipes are insulated** - in a pinch, newspaper and plastic can be used to insulate pipes and around doors and windows.
- Be sure you **know how to shut off water valves** in case a pipe bursts. Allow faucets to drip to avoid freezing.
- **Check fire extinguishers, smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.**
- Make sure you have **plenty of food, water and medication** for your family and pets.
- **Get A Kit, Make A Plan, and Be Informed. Create a Family Emergency Plan.** (Visit www.ready.gov for more information).

Place a winter emergency kit in your car that includes:

- Windshield scraper/brush
- Shovel
- Flashlight
- Crank or Battery powered radio
- Extra batteries
- Extra hats, socks and mittens
- First aid kit
- Water
- Snack food
- Matches
- Necessary medications
- Blankets
- Tow chain or rope
- Road salt and sand
- Jumper cables
- Emergency flares
- Fluorescent distress flag

