

WINTER HOME PREPAREDNESS TIPS

Winter Home Preparedness Kit

- Have an alternate way to heat your home during a power failure. (fireplace, wood stove, kerosene heater)
- Matches & candles
- Fire Extinguisher
- First Aid Kit
- Battery powered radio & batteries
- Flashlight or lantern
- Non-perishable food & can opener
- Warm clothing
- Blankets or sleeping bags
- One gallon of water per-person in clean plastic bottles
- Special needs items such as medication & diapers
- Small toys, markers, paper & other activities for children

Winterize Your Home

- Insulate walls & attic
- Caulk & weather-strip doors & windows
- Install storm windows or cover windows from the inside with plastic
- Wrap pipes in insulation of layers of old newspaper
- Leave faucets slightly open so they drip continuously
- Know how to shut off water valves

Heat Your Home Safely

- Use fireplaces, wood stoves or other combustion heaters only if they are properly vented to the outside of the house.
- Use only the type of fuel your heater is designed to use
- Do not place a space heater within 3 feet of anything that may catch fire, such as drapes, furniture or bedding.
- Use heaters that will shut off automatically when tipped or knocked over
- Never leave children unattended near a heater
- Have your fireplace chimney inspected and cleaned at least once a year
- Never use a charcoal or gas grill indoors
- Never leave lit candles unattended
- Close off rooms that are not in use

Fire Safety

- Install smoke alarms on each level of your home, at each staircase and near the kitchen & bedrooms
- Install a carbon monoxide detector on each floor
- Clean & test detectors regularly to ensure batteries are in working condition
- Plan two escape routes out of each room & designate a meeting place
- Keep a collapsible ladder on the upper floors of the house
- Learn your local emergency response number 9-1-1 or other local number

