

WINTER PREP CHECKLIST

HOME

WHAT TO DO

- Check insulation
- Cover outdoor faucets
- Check caulking and weather stripping
- Consider installing storm windows
- Check fire / carbon monoxide detectors
- Maintain heating equipment and chimneys
- Learn about how to prevent frozen pipes
- Review your property insurance
- Safeguard critical documents in a waterproof container
- Create a Family Communications Plan
- Give each family member a contact card (home, work, doctor, school, etc.)
- Go over what to do when stuck on the road in winter weather
- Have backup batteries for all mobile device easily accessible
- Have / learn to use an emergency radio
- Consider a landline for your home

WHAT TO GET

- Extra blankets, sleeping bag
- Warm winter coats, mittens, scarves
- Mylar / emergency thermal blankets
- A small tent
- Fire extinguisher(s)
- Alternative heating source*
- Carbon monoxide detector(s)
- First aid kit
- Rock salt
- 1 gallon of water stored per person per day *at a minimum*
- Berkey® System, ready to use
- Canned foods like soups and beans
- Non-electric can opener
- Granola, nuts and cereal
- Dried fruit and meat
- Dry crackers
- Peanut butter, jelly
- Juices, powdered milk
- Baby food / formula

VEHICLE(S)

WHAT TO DO

- Get a tune up / oil change
- Check your antifreeze fluid
- Fill the tires with air according to manufacturer's directions
- Check on the age, tread of tires
- Install snow tires
- Check your battery
- Check your headlights
- Make sure your wiper fluid is full / consider a de-icer
- Replace worn wiper blades
- Limit running your vehicle in a winter weather emergency due to carbon monoxide concerns

WHAT TO GET

- Warm blankets / Sleeping bag(s)
- Extra clothing (coats, mittens, hats, boots)

- Goggles, ponchos
- Whistle
- Hand / body warmers
- First aid kit
- Tissues / wet wipes
- Waterproof matches
- Backup cell phone battery
- Water (preferably stored in the trunk or insulated container)
- Easy-to-eat food items
- Flashlight / road flares
- Ice scraper
- Sand, road salt or non-clumping cat litter
- Jumper cables (ideally, a portable battery)
- Wiper fluid
- Compact shovel
- Tire chains / tow strap / traction plates
- If you take medications, have an appropriate emergency supply with you at all times

*Please understand the dangers of carbon monoxide.
This list is not all-inclusive. Modify based on your conditions / region.