

PREPARING FOR WINTER STORMS

1. Learn about your area's storm risk.
2. Understand the hazards of Wind Chill.
3. Be sure to service your snow removal equipment before the winter storm season is upon you.
4. Keep your car's gas tank full for emergency use and to keep the fuel line from freezing.

What to do during a Storm Watch

A Winter Storm Watch means severe winter weather conditions may affect your area. This could include freezing rain, sleet, and heavy snow. They may occur separately or in combination.

1. Listen to NOAA weather radio, a battery powered radio or TV for updates on the weather and any emergency information.
 2. Move your animals to a sheltered area or inside.
 3. Keep an eye out for changing weather conditions.
 4. Don't travel unless it is an emergency

What to do during a Storm Warning

A Winter Storm Warning means severe winter weather conditions are imminent or occurring.

1. Stay inside and dress warmly. Wear layers of loose-fitting, lightweight clothing. This will keep you warmer than one big sweater.
2. Keep listening to a battery powered radio or TV for updates and emergency information.
 3. Eat regularly. This will keep your body energized to produce its' own heat.
 4. Drink regularly. This will prevent dehydration.
 5. Conserve fuel.

What to do after a Winter Storm

1. Continue to listen to the radio or TV on local stations for updates and instructions.
 2. Help your neighbors who may need special assistance.
 3. Avoid driving until conditions have improved.
 4. Avoid overexertion.

Terminology

Heavy Snow Warning: a snowfall of at least 4 inches in 12 hours or 6 inches in 24 hours is expected.

Blizzard warning: considerable falling and/or blowing snow and winds of at least 35 miles per hour are expected for several hours.

High wind warning: Winds of at least 40 miles per hour are expected to last for at least 1 hour.