Winter: Are You Prepared?

* Dress warmly. Wear layered clothing, gloves, and a hat if you go outside.

* Store sufficient heating fuel. Have back-up heating equipment in case the power goes out.

* Avoid overexertion such as shoveling or walking in heavy snow.

* Walk carefully on snowy, icy sidewalks.

* Make sure your gas tank is full in case of an emergency and to prevent fuel line freeze.

* Make sure animals are kept in sheltered areas and have a water supply available.

* Make sure to have a well-stocked disaster supply kit.

* Wrap pipes in newspapers or insulation to prevent them from freezing.

Winter Preparedness Websites

www.ready.gov/america/beinformed/winter.html

www.Fema.gov/hazard/winter

www.weather.gov/om/winter

www.vaemergency.com/threats/winter

www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/winter

organizedhome.com/winter-preparedness-checklist

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