



Resident's Guide to Snow & Ice Control

Build a Winter Supply Kit

Food and Household Supplies

- **Drinking Water** - at least a 3-day supply one gallon per person per day
- **Canned / No-Cook Food and Can-Opener** - at least a 3-day supply
- **Baby Supplies** (if needed) - bottles, formula, baby food, and diapers
- **Medical Items** - hearing aids, glasses, contact lenses, syringes, etc.
- **Prescription Drugs and/or Any Other Medicine** - for at least a 7 days
- **Personal Hygiene Items**
- **Extra Cash**
- **Copies of Personal Documents** - medication list and pertinent medical information, proof of address, deed/lease to home, passports, birth certificates, insurance policies, etc.
- **Pet Supplies** - collar, leash, ID, food, carrier, bowl
- **Tools/Supplies for Securing your Home**

Supplies to Stay Safe

- **First-Aid Kit**
- **Flashlight and Extra Batteries**
- **Battery-Powered or Hand-Crank Radio** (i.e. NOAA Weather Radio)
- **Battery-Powered Lamps or Lanterns** (avoid candles to prevent fires)
- **Cell Phone with Chargers**
- **Family and Emergency Contact Information**
- **Sand, Rock Salt, or Non-Clumping Cat Litter** - to add traction to walkways and make steps less slippery

Supplies to Keep Warm

- **Warm Clothing** - winter coats, gloves or mittens, hats, boots, and extra blankets for all household members
- **Ample Alternate Heating Methods** - Electric space heaters with automatic shut-off switches and non-glowing elements, fireplaces, wood or coal burning stoves, etc. (**NOTE: use caution when using a heating source with an open flame as improper use may cause a fire**)
- **DO NOT USE GENERATORS INSIDE YOUR HOME OR BUSINESS**



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Preparing for Winter Weather



During a Winter Storm:

- **Avoid driving** when conditions include sleet, freezing rain or drizzle, snow or dense fog. If travel is necessary, keep a supply kit in your car.
- **Stay informed:** Listen to a NOAA Weather Radio or other local news channels for information on winter storms the National Weather Service.
- **Consider your physical condition** and the weather factors before tackling strenuous tasks in cold temperatures.
- **Protect yourself** from frostbite and hypothermia by wearing warm, loose-fitting, lightweight clothing in several layers. Learn more about these conditions and how to respond should the need arise by taking a first-aid class.
- **Help people** who require special assistance such as elderly people living alone, people with disabilities, and children.
- **Bring pets/companion animals inside** during winter weather. Move other animals or livestock to sheltered areas and make sure that their access to food and water is not blocked by snow or other obstacles.
- **Vent all fuel-burning equipment** to the outside and kept clear of flammable materials.

Cold-Related Emergencies:

- **Call 9-1-1** should a life-threatening emergency occur during a storm.
- **Go to a designated public shelter** if your home loses power or heat for an extended time during a period of extreme cold; **Ready Montco** will be used to provide locations or when an shelter opening occurs

Prevent Damage to Your Home:

- **Run your water;** even just at a trickle helps prevent freezing pipes.
- **Keep garage doors closed** if there are water lines in the garage.
- Keep the thermostat at the same temperature at all times to prevent pipes from freezing and bursting