

# WINTER WEATHER PREPAREDNESS

**Before the storm, it is important to ensure preparations are made for your family, home, and vehicles.**

## Prepare Your Home

- Flashlight & Extra Batteries
- Extra Food & Water
- Extra Baby Supplies – Diapers & Formula
- Extra Pet Food
- Extra Prescription Medication
- First Aid Supplies
- Cell Phone Charger
- Flashlight
- First Aid Kit
- Extra Hats, Mitten, Boots, Warm Clothes

## In the Event Your Heat Goes Out

- Call in a service request to your property management team.
- Close off unneeded rooms to avoid wasting heat.
- Use towels or rags to close off any cracks under your doors.
- Close blinds or curtains to keep in some heat.
- Eat and stay hydrated, drinking plenty of water to prevent dehydration.
- Wear layers of loose fitting, warm clothing. Remove layers as needed to avoid overheating, perspiration, & subsequent chill.

## Prepare Your Vehicles

- Full Tank of Gas
- Cell Phone Charger
- Jumper Cables, Flares, Sand/Kitty Litter, Tow Rope
- Snow Brush & Shovel
- Flashlight
- Water/Snacks
- Hats, Mittens, Boots, Warm Clothes, Blankets

## Home Generator Safety

- Generators can be useful during outages but pose risks: carbon monoxide poisoning, electrocution, and fire.
- Always operate generators outdoors only, far from windows, doors, and vents.
- Carbon monoxide is invisible, odorless, and deadly within minutes—use indoor Carbon Monoxide alarms for added protection.
- Keep the generator dry and use heavy-duty, outdoor-rated extension cords in good condition.
- Never plug a generator into a home outlet or electrical panel (no back-feeding).
- Let the generator cool before refueling to prevent fire hazards.
- Store all fuels in proper containers outside living areas, away from fuel-burning appliances.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions and avoid overloading the generator.

## Electric Space Heater Safety

- Use heaters equipped with tip-over and overheat protection.
- Portable heaters must be UL-listed and approved.
- Heaters must be plugged directly into a wall outlet.
- Keep heaters at least 3 feet away from furniture, curtains, and bedding.
- Always place heaters on a flat, stable, and nonflammable surface.
- Do not leave heaters running unattended or while sleeping.
- Turn off and unplug heaters when not in use.
- Do not use damaged heaters.

## For More Information, Visit

- [Weather.gov/Safety/Winter-Before](http://Weather.gov/Safety/Winter-Before)
- [HuntSafetyZone.com/Home-Safety/Winter-Weather-Preparedness](http://HuntSafetyZone.com/Home-Safety/Winter-Weather-Preparedness)