

## Winter Preparedness Checklist

Take time now to review your family's emergency preparedness with this Winter Preparedness Checklist. It'll help you prepare your home and automobile for cold-weather hazards.

### **Out and About**

Will your home welcome winter visitors safely? Get ready for snow, ice or rain on walks and driveways by stocking up on these cold-weather basics.

- Snow shovel
- De-icing compound
- Waterproof floor mats

### **The Inside Story**

Household emergency supplies should include enough food, water and supplies to last four days without power or help. Check your home emergency kit against this basic checklist.

- Food that doesn't require heating or refrigeration, such as canned meats, soups and stews, cereal, and energy bars
- Manual can opener
- Paper plates, cups and plastic utensils
- 1 gallon of water per person per day (allow enough for four days)
- Flashlights and batteries
- Battery-powered radio
- Battery-powered clock
- Cellular phone
- First-aid kit (printable first-aid kit checklist)
- Four-day supply of prescription medicines
- Blanket and cold-weather clothing for each family member
- Pet food and additional water for household pets

### **On The Road**

Winter transportation can mean coping with ice, snow, and hazardous roads. Road conditions can change in an instant. Before traveling, give cars a winter preparedness exam.

- Check antifreeze
- Check and replace older batteries
- Remember to keep the gas tank near full to avoid freezing water in the fuel line
- Check tires and spare tire for proper inflation

Make sure automobiles contain the following emergency supplies to handle winter road hazards.

Bag of sand, road salt or non-clumping cat litter. The bag's extra weight means better traction, and the contents can be spread under slipping tires.

Ice scraper

Jumper cables

Small shovel (to dig snow away from wheels, or scatter sand on roadway)

Tire chains (every driver should practice putting them on)

Flares or reflective triangle to warn other motorists if you break down

Blanket

Flashlight and batteries

Gallon jug of drinking water

First aid kit