

Winter preparedness checklist

Use our checklist to stay prepared if temps dip to freezing (32 degrees). Taking action early and stocking up on winter essentials will help put your mind at ease — while helping to keep your family, pets and property prepared.

Download and print your winter prep checklist to use while shopping and planning.

Vehicle

Minimize travel, but be ready if you need to leave

- Fill gas tank
- Check tire pressure (30-35 psi)
- Ensure antifreeze, oil, brake fluid and wiper fluid are at recommended levels
- Pack emergency car kit (see below)

Emergency car kit

- Jumper cables
- Flares or reflective triangle
- Ice scraper
- Cell phone charger
- Blanket
- Map
- Kitty litter or sand (for better tire traction)

Warmth

IMPORTANT: Never use fuel-burning devices indoors, in the garage or any other enclosed space

- Warm clothes
- Blankets
- Hand warmers
- Alternative heat source
- Matches or lighter

Food and water

At least a 3-day supply per person and pet

- Bottled water
- Non-perishable food (protein bars, peanut butter, canned foods)
- Hand-operated can opener
- Plastic utensils, cups and plates
- Pet food and water
- Baby supplies (bottles, formula, baby food, diapers, etc.)

Home

Stay indoors as much as possible

- Check batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- Caulk or weatherstrip windows and exterior doors
- Wrap pipes
- Drip faucets
- Use sand, salt or kitty litter to de-ice walkways
- Brings pets indoors

Health & hygiene

- Prescription and over-the-counter medications (7-day supply)
- Necessary medical items
- First aid kit
- Hand sanitizer
- Disinfectant wipes
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Sanitary items

Safety

- Charge your phone
- Make & distribute a family emergency plan
- Listen to the radio or TV for important updates
- Battery-powered or hand-cranked AM/FM radio or NOAA weather radio
- Charge your portable chargers
- Flashlight
- Extra batteries
- Cash