



Weather Safety For Winter Weather

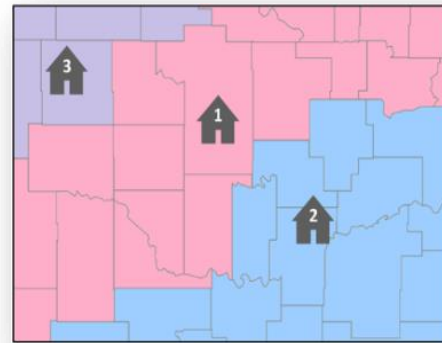


Winter can bring a wide variety of weather hazards to the region. Knowing how to prepare and respond to these hazards before, during, and after the storm can help to keep you and your family safe. [More info](#)



Know the Terminology

- Understand what different [weather alerts mean](#).
- **Watch** – A winter storm is possible in the next few days, although uncertainty remains. Be prepared!
- **Advisory** - Wintery weather is expected and may affect travel conditions. Exercise caution!
- **Warning** – Significant winter weather is expected. Take Action!



Winter Storm Products

- Winter Storm Warning**
Snow, sleet, or ice expected! Take Action! Confidence is high that a winter storm will produce heavy snow, sleet or freezing rain and cause significant impacts.
- Winter Storm Watch**
Snow, sleet, or ice possible! Be prepared. Confidence is medium that a winter storm could produce heavy snow, sleet, or freezing rain and cause significant impacts.
- Winter Weather Advisory**
Wintry weather expected. Exercise caution. Light amounts of wintry precipitation or patchy blowing snow will cause slick conditions and could affect travel if precautions are not taken.

Car Winter Survival Kit Checklist		
<input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight & Extra Batteries	<input type="checkbox"/> Blankets/Sleeping Bag	<input type="checkbox"/> Extra Clothing Hats, Mittens, Parkas, Boots
<input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Kit	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Perishable Food Granola Bars, Dried nuts, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> Sand/Kitty Litter Used for Traction
<input type="checkbox"/> Snow Shovel	<input type="checkbox"/> Bottled Water	<input type="checkbox"/> Cell Phone & Charger
<input type="checkbox"/> Ice Scraper with Brush	<input type="checkbox"/> Booster Cables	<input type="checkbox"/> Flares/Triangles & other Bright Objects



Before the Storm

- Always check the [latest forecast](#) from a reliable source
- Ensure [adequate supplies](#) at home if you [lose heat, power](#), or become stranded
- Check [winter survival kit](#) in your vehicle
- Alter travel plans if necessary



During & After the Storm

- Check [road conditions](#) before traveling
- [Avoid travel](#) if possible and stay home
- Remain in vehicle if you become [stranded](#)
- Take plenty of breaks if [shoveling snow](#)



Extreme Cold

- [Limit time outdoors](#) and wear several layers if you must be outside
- Know the signs of cold related health issues such as [frostbite and hypothermia](#)
- Ensure outdoor animals have proper shelter and unfrozen food and water



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