



Prepare Your Home for Winter

It's important to prepare your home for winter weather. A winter storm can leave you without power or a way to get food and other supplies. Emergencies are not the only reason to prepare however, winter can also be a huge drain on the budget. Preparing now can save money this winter, freeing up cash to help with your expenses for other preparations, such as food storage.

Checklist:

- Examine weather stripping and replace where necessary
- Test heater
- Test blower on fireplace(s)
- Clean or replace air filters
- Install programmable thermostat
- Purchase firewood for heating or assemble other heating options
- Gather or purchase fire starters or compressed logs to use as kindling
- Purchase matches to start a fire for heating or off grid cooking
- Purchase an appropriate generator
- Gather and clean sleeping bags for added warmth during an outage
- Purchase sleeping bags as needed
- Purchase mylar survival blankets
- Examine tents and make needed repairs readying them for use indoors during a power outage
- Locate or purchase battery or crank operated AM/FM radio
- Locate or purchase battery operated clock
- Locate all flashlights in your home
- Purchase batteries for flashlights, clock and radio
- Purchase and/or gather glow sticks
- Place a flashlight with batteries or a glow stick next to each bed in the house
- Locate and/or purchase several rolls duct tape
- Gather candles
- Gather and/or purchase 20-hour body warmers
- Gather and/or purchase knit caps and mittens for each family member for use in the home during an outage
- Examine and make necessary repairs to stoves or grills which will be used for emergency cooking
- Purchase fuel for cooking (propane tanks, charcoal, wood)

Totally Ready

Prepped when it really counts ⚡

- Locate or purchase appropriate pots, pans, griddles and Dutch ovens
- Locate large tub for washing (clothing, dishes, or yourself)
- Locate or purchase a large cooler for water
- Inventory and store water
- Check and replenish over the counter medications
- Organize your food storage and be sure you have everything you would need to fix hot meals and drinks
- Gather or purchase supplies for repairing broken pipes or faucets
- Wrap pipes
- Detach hoses from faucets
- Clean gutters and down spouts
- Repair and/or replace outdoor lighting
- Trim dead limbs from trees
- Clean chimney
- Reverse direction on ceiling fans