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WINTER WEATHER PREPARATION

HOME, VEHICLE & FAMILY CHECKLIST

Complete these steps before severe cold, snow, ice, or a power outage arrives.

PREPARE YOUR HOME

☐	Inspect and seal gaps around windows and doors to reduce drafts and heat loss.	Date: _____
☐	Have the heating system inspected and serviced before temperatures drop.	Date: _____
☐	Insulate exposed pipes in unheated areas.	Date: _____
☐	Clean gutters and downspouts to support drainage and reduce ice dams.	Date: _____

PREVENT FROZEN PIPES

☐	Disconnect and store garden hoses before freezing temperatures arrive.	Date: _____
☐	Shut off and drain exterior water lines when possible.	Date: _____
☐	Keep the thermostat set to at least 55 degrees F, even when away.	Date: _____
☐	Open cabinet doors beneath sinks so warm air can circulate around plumbing.	Date: _____

PREPARE FOR POWER OUTAGES

☐	Stock flashlights, extra batteries, blankets, and a first aid kit.	Date: _____
☐	Test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors monthly.	Date: _____
☐	Keep mobile phones charged and consider a backup power source.	Date: _____
☐	Never operate generators indoors or in attached garages.	Date: _____

WINTERIZE YOUR VEHICLE

☐	Check the battery, tires, brakes, and windshield wipers.	Date: _____
☐	Keep the gas tank at least half full during winter months.	Date: _____
☐	Pack blankets, a flashlight, phone charger, bottled water, ice scraper, and jumper cables.	Date: _____

BE READY FOR WINTER STORMS

☐	Monitor weather forecasts and winter storm advisories.	Date: _____
☐	Keep walkways clear and apply salt or sand to reduce slip hazards.	Date: _____
☐	Trim tree branches that could fall under the weight of snow or ice.	Date: _____
☐	Know the locations of the main electrical panel and water shutoff valve.	Date: _____

Review this checklist at the start of each winter season and again before a major storm.