



Village of Ruidoso Office of Emergency Management

WINTER STORM AWARENESS TIPS BE STORMSMART

Winter Storm Emergency Supplies and Tips

Emergency supplies for a winter or ice storm are similar to supplies needed in any emergency – but there are some additional items. These include sand or kitty litter to keep sidewalks and steps clear of ice, a windshield scraper for the car, warm clothes and extra blankets. Remember, in a severe ice storm, lines may be down and power out for several days up to a week or more.

Make sure you have the following basic emergency supplies on hand in preparation for a winter weather event:

- One-week supply of non-perishable food, one gallon of bottled water per person per day, coolers for food and ice storage
- Credit cards and cash (banks and ATMs may not have power)
- Battery-operated radio, NOAA Weather Radio and extra batteries or hand crank radio, cell phones and chargers
- First-aid kit, seven-day supply of prescription medications, copies of prescriptions, special medical items, hearing aids and batteries, eyeglasses
- Manual can opener, knife, tools, car booster cables, fire extinguisher, duct tape, tarp, rope, flashlight with extra batteries
- Supplies for babies, the elderly, family members with special health care needs, and food and supplies for pets

If heavy ice on power lines cuts utility service, be extremely careful using generators or gas powered equipment. Carbon monoxide (CO) is invisible, odorless and deadly. It can build up in a matter of minutes. Do not use generators, charcoal grills or gas grills inside the house, garage or enclosed space. Do not try to heat the house using a gas range or oven.

Winter Weather Vehicle Safety

When winter storms threaten, monitor broadcast media and NOAA Weather Radio for up to date information before getting on the roads. Always keep your gas tank full to avoid ice in the tank and fuel lines. On icy roads, drive slowly and increase distance required for stopping. Watch for

downed trees and power lines across roads. If power is out, treat all intersections as four-way stops.

Keep the following emergency supplies in your vehicle in case you encounter winter weather on the road:

- Blankets/sleeping bags and extra clothing, mittens and hat
- Cell phone, radio, flashlight, extra batteries
- First-aid kit and pocket knife
- High calorie, non-perishable food, bottled water
- Sack of sand or cat litter for de-icing roadway
- Windshield scraper, tool kit, booster cables, tow rope and shovel

For additional information and tips on preparing for winter weather visit:

- <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/winter/>
- <http://www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster/winter-storm>
- <http://www.ready.gov/winter-weather>

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