

## Winter Preparedness

***Be Prepared For Colder Temperatures. They're on their way.***

Are you ready? Plan ahead and prepare your home and cars for the cold and stormy weather ahead. We all know winter is around the corner but many of us are not ready for its arrival.

Be prepared for winter hazards like power outages by stocking up on batteries and salt for icy walkways and driveways now. Don't wait until the last minute when the stores are running out.

If you take precautions now, you'll be more likely to stay safe and healthy when temperatures start to fall.

### **KEEP YOUR HOME SAFE**

Take these steps to keep your home safe and warm during the winter months.

- Install a smoke detector. Test batteries regularly and replace them before they fail.
- Have safe alternative heating sources available.
- Install a CO detector so you are alerted of the presence of this deadly, odorless, colorless gas.
- Learn the symptoms of CO poisoning: headache, dizziness, weakness, upset stomach, vomiting, chest pain, and confusion.

Have flashlight, your new supply of batteries and candles where you can find them in the case of a power outage. Let family members know where everything is.

### **KEEP YOUR CAR SAFE**

When you know a storm is on the way, make sure the gas tank in your car is full and your cell phone is fully charged.

Stock your car with the following:

- Jumper cables, flares, a tire pump, and sand.
- Compass, flashlight, a battery-powered radio and extra batteries and a blanket.