

# Winter Weather Safety

## Preparing for Power Outages

- Winter weather can disrupt power, communications, utilities, and the ability to use electrically powered medical devices. Being prepared for these outages is a simple way to ensure the safety of your household!
- Keep freezers and refrigerators closed. Throw away food that has been exposed to temperatures 40° or higher for two or more hours.
- Have alternate plans for refrigerating medicines or using power-dependent medical devices.
- Use generators outdoors and away from windows.
- Do not use a gas stove or oven to heat your home.
- Use carbon monoxide sensors with battery backup.
- Disconnect appliances and electronics to avoid damage from an electrical surge.
- Know shelter locations in your community that open during inclement weather or outages.
- Check out Ready.gov and FEMA's pages for further information.

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