

Emergency Preparedness – Winter Edition

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During extremely cold weather and / or winter storms, staying warm and safe can be a challenge. Winter storms can bring cold temperatures, power failures, loss of communication services, and icy roads. To keep yourself and your loved ones safe, you should know how to prepare your home and your car before a winter storm hits.

Be prepared before a winter storm hits by planning. If you are in an area prone to winter weather, be sure to **create a communication and disaster plan** for your family ahead of time.

How to Protect Yourself from Winter Weather – know your winter weather terms

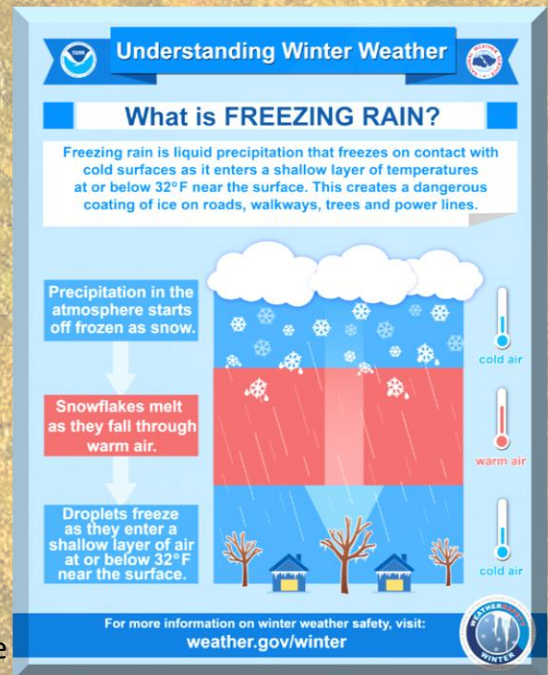
Winter Storm Watch: This is an alert to the public that a weather event could be possible in the next 12 to 48 hours.

Winter Storm Warning : This is issued when hazardous winter weather is imminent or occurring. These are usually issued 12 to 24 hours before the event is expected to begin .

Winter Weather Advisory: This is issued when there will be an accumulation of weather issues that will cause significant problems and could lead to life-threatening situations.

Pay attention to weather reports and warnings of freezing weather and winter storms. Sign up for your community's warning system. The Emergency Alert System (EAS) and the **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio** will also provide emergency alerts. Click on the link for more information.

Click on the QR Code for more information from the American Red Cross on how to Protect Your Family, Protect Your Home and Protect Your Pets & Animals.



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