

PREPARING FOR WINTER STORMS

KNOWING WHAT TO DO BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER WINTER STORMS CAN KEEP YOU AND YOUR FAMILY SAFE.

SAFETY KITS FOR YOUR HOME AND VEHICLE

For your at-home kit, you will want at least two weeks of supplies, including:

- Bottled water
- Non-perishable food
- Emergency blankets
- First aid kit/medicine
- Flashlights
- Battery-operated or hand-crank radio
- Extra batteries
- Toiletries

For your vehicle, prepare a go-kit with at least three days of supplies, including:

- Blankets
- Warm clothes
- Jumper cables
- Bottled water
- Non-perishable food
- Sand or kitty litter to help with tire traction
- Critical backup batteries
- Chargers for your devices

POWER LINE SAFETY

During winter, when snow and ice accumulation on power lines may cause them to snap or lead to poles breaking. Here are some things to keep in mind with power lines and winter weather:

- Be sure to **stay at least 35 feet away from a downed line**. That's about the length of three cars.
- **Don't touch the power line** or anything in contact with it.
- **Call 911** and tell others nearby to stay away.
- You should **consider all downed lines live and dangerous**. You or others could suffer serious injury or death.

IF YOU LOSE POWER

- **Try to keep warm air in and cool air out by not opening doors to unused rooms** and only opening doors to the outdoors if necessary.
- If the refrigerator reaches temperatures above 40 F, foods can become unsafe. **You can help keep foods colder longer by leaving the refrigerator and freezer doors closed** as much as possible.