

PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE ALBANY NY  
800 AM EDT SAT OCT 26 2013

...WINTER WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK CONCLUDES TODAY...

WINTER IN NEW YORK CAN BRING SOME OF NATURE'S MOST SEVERE CONDITIONS. THIS WEEK WE REVIEWED THE METEOROLOGY OF HEAVY SNOWFALL...LAKE EFFECT SNOW...NOREASTERS...BLIZZARDS...ICE STORMS...AND WINTER FLOODING.

PREPARATION IS THE KEY TO KEEP SAFE THIS WINTER. ABOUT 70 PERCENT OF INJURIES DUE TO ICE AND SNOW OCCUR FROM VEHICLE ACCIDENTS AND ABOUT 25 PERCENT OCCUR TO PEOPLE CAUGHT OUT IN THE STORM.

KEEP INFORMED...PAY ATTENTION TO THE LATEST FORECASTS. WINTER STORM OUTLOOKS ARE ISSUED TO GIVE YOU A HEADS UP FOR THE POSSIBILITY OF SEVERE WINTER CONDITIONS IN THE NEXT 3 TO 7 DAYS.

WINTER STORM WATCHES ARE ISSUED WHEN SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS ARE POSSIBLE IN THE NEXT DAY OR TWO. WHILE...WINTER STORM WARNINGS ARE ISSUED WHEN SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS HAVE BEGUN OR WILL BEGIN WITHIN THE NEXT 24 HOURS.

YOU SHOULD BE PREPARED BEFORE THE WINTER STORM STARTS.

FULLY CHECK AND WINTERIZE YOUR CAR OR TRUCK. MAKE SURE IT IS TUNED UP. CHECK YOUR TIRES...BRAKES...WINDSHIELD WIPERS...BATTERY...AND ANTIFREEZE. PUT TOGETHER A WINTER SURVIVAL KIT FOR YOUR CAR WHICH INCLUDES A FIRST AID KIT...CELL PHONE CHARGER...BLANKET OR SLEEPING BAG...FLASHLIGHT WITH FRESH BATTERIES...SHOVEL...SACK OF SAND OR CAT LITTER...BOOSTER CABLES...TOW ROPE...ICE SCRAPER...BRUSH...ROAD MAPS... HIGH ENERGY NON PERISHABLE FOOD...AND TISSUES OR BABY WIPES.

AT HOME YOU SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR THE POSSIBILITY YOU MAY LOSE YOUR POWER AND HEAT. HAVE FLASHLIGHTS...BATTERY POWERED RADIO...EXTRA BATTERIES...HIGH ENERGY FOOD THAT REQUIRE NO COOKING OR REFRIGERATION...EXTRA MEDICINE AND BABY ITEMS...AND FIRST AID SUPPLIES ON HAND. EMERGENCY HEAT SOURCES SUCH AS FIREPLACES...WOOD STOVES AND SPACE HEATERS NEED TO BE USED PROPERLY TO PREVENT FIRE AND VENTILATED PROPERLY TO PREVENT CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING. ALWAYS MAKE SURE YOUR SMOKE ALARMS...FIRE EXTINGUISHERS AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS ARE IN WORKING ORDER.

DO NOT FORGET ABOUT YOUR PETS. MAKE SURE THEY HAVE PLENTY OF FOOD...WATER AND SHELTER. MOST ANIMALS DIE FROM DEHYDRATION IN WINTER STORMS.

BY TAKING A FEW STEPS NOW...YOU CAN BE READY WHEN SEVERE WINTER WEATHER THREATENS.

IF YOU NEED TIMELY INFORMATION...YOU CAN GET IT ON NOAA WEATHER RADIO ALL HAZARDS. WEATHER RADIO MONITORS ARE INEXPENSIVE AND ALERT YOU OF THE LATEST WEATHER. WE ARE BROADCASTING TWENTY FOUR HOURS A DAY FROM STATIONS IN ALBANY...NEW YORK...AT 162.55

MHZ...HIGHLAND...NEW YORK...AT 162.475 MHZ... MIDDLEVILLE...NEW YORK AT 162.400  
MHZ...JOHNSBURG... NEW YORK...AT 162.450 MHZ...MARLBORO...VERMONT...AT 162.400 MHZ...NORTH  
ADAMS...MASSACHUSETTS...AT 162.525 mHZ...EGREMONT...MASSACHUSETTS...AT 162.450 MHZ...AND  
FROM CORNWALL...CONNECTICUT...AT...162.500 MHZ.

WE ISSUE FREQUENT UPDATES FOR WINTER WEATHER...THAT SERVE TO GIVE YOU THE MOST UP TO  
THE MINUTE...AND DETAILED...WEATHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE. IN ADDITION...WE ISSUE  
STATEMENTS THAT FOLLOW UP ON THE ISSUANCE OF WATCHES...WARNINGS...OR ADVISORIES.

ALL OF OUR WEATHER AND HYDROLOGIC INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ONLINE. SIMPLY GO TO  
[WWW.WEATHER.GOV](http://WWW.WEATHER.GOV) AND THEN CLICK ON EASTERN NEW YORK OR WESTERN NEW ENGLAND. THIS  
WILL TAKE YOU TO THE MAIN WEB PAGE OF THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN ALBANY NEW YORK.

NOAA WEATHER RADIO OFFERS ANOTHER WAY TO RECEIVE IMMEDIATE RELAY OF ANY WINTER  
WEATHER WARNINGS. MANY LOCAL TELEVISION AND RADIO STATIONS ALSO BROADCAST WEATHER  
ALERTS. COMPUTERS AND WIRELESS DEVICES CAN ALSO RECEIVE WARNINGS. THE RED CROSS...SOME  
STATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCIES AND PRIVATE VENDORS HAVE WIRELESS APPLICATIONS  
THAT WILL ALERT YOU OF THREATENING WEATHER BY RELAYING NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE  
WARNINGS.

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