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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE CHARLESTON SC
600 AM EDT FRI DEC 6 2013

...FINAL DAY OF WINTER WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK ACROSS SOUTH CAROLINA
AND GEORGIA...

TODAY WE WILL DISCUSS WINTER WEATHER PREPAREDNESS PLANS.

WINTER STORMS AND EXTREME COLD RARELY IMPACT SOUTHEAST SOUTH
CAROLINA AND SOUTHEAST GEORGIA. HOWEVER...THESE EVENTS HAVE OCCURRED
IN THE PAST AND WILL OCCUR AGAIN IN THE FUTURE...PERHAPS EVEN THIS
WINTER. WINTER WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK OFFERS AN EXCELLENT
OPPORTUNITY TO PLAN AHEAD SO YOU CAN MITIGATE AND SURVIVE THE
DISRUPTIONS CAUSED BY SNOW...FREEZING RAIN AND EXTREME COLD.

DURING WINTER STORMS...YOU SHOULD AVOID AUTOMOBILE TRAVEL IF
POSSIBLE BECAUSE ROADS CAN BECOME ICY AND DANGEROUS. IF YOU MUST
TRAVEL...USE EXTREME CAUTION BECAUSE ROUTINE ACTIONS SUCH AS BRAKING...
TURNING AND CHANGING LANES CAN BECOME EXTREMELY DIFFICULT AND CAN
GREATLY INCREASE THE PROBABILITY FOR COLLISIONS AND OTHER ACCIDENTS.
ASSUME THAT ROADS WILL BECOME IMPASSABLE OR THAT YOUR VEHICLE WILL
BE DISABLED. CARRY EMERGENCY SUPPLIES SUCH AS EXTRA WARM CLOTHES...
A THICK BLANKET...A FLASHLIGHT...BATTERY POWERED RADIO...EXTRA
BATTERIES...WATER...MEDICATIONS AND A FIRST AID KIT...SAND OR ROAD
SALT...A SHOVEL AND A TOW CHAIN OR ROPE.

AT HOME...PREPARE FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD WITH NO POWER. STOCK WATER
AND NON-PERISHABLE FOOD...AS WELL AS FLASHLIGHTS...A BATTERY-POWERED
RADIO AND EXTRA BATTERIES. ENSURE AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF NEEDED
MEDICATIONS. STOCK UP ON PET FOOD. IF YOU HAVE A FIREPLACE...STOCK UP
ON WOOD IN CASE YOUR REGULAR HEAT SOURCE REMAINS OUT OF ORDER FOR AN
EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME.

DURING SIGNIFICANT WINTER STORMS AND COLD OUTBREAKS...AUTHORITIES
MAY OPEN HEATED SHELTERS. IF NECESSARY...PREPARE TO RELOCATE TO A
NEARBY WARM SHELTER BEFORE THE WINTER STORM OR COLD AIR ARRIVES.

WHEN TRAVELING TO COLDER LOCATIONS...CHECK WEATHER CONDITIONS IN
ADVANCE. BRING ALONG APPROPRIATE CLOTHING AND DEVELOP A PLAN IN CASE
YOUR TRAVEL PLANS ARE DISRUPTED BY A WINTER STORM.

YOUR RESPONSE TO OUR OUTLOOKS...WATCHES...WARNINGS AND ADVISORIES
CAN DICTATE THE SUCCESS OF OUR SERVICES.

FOR ADDITIONAL WINTER WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK INFORMATION...CHECK OUT
OUR WEB PAGE AT WWW/ERH.NOAA.GOV/CHS/. ALSO...LIKE US ON FACEBOOK AT
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PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS. YOU CAN VIEW OTHER EXCELLENT SOURCES OF WINTER

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