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Weather Safety in WINTER WEATHER

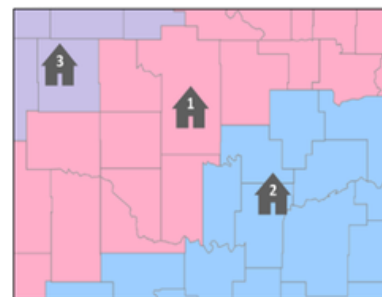


Winter can bring a wide variety of weather hazards to the region. Knowing how to prepare and respond to these hazards before, during, and after the storm can help to keep you and your family safe. More info

KNOW THE TERMINOLOGY

Understand what different weather alerts mean

- **Watch** – A winter storm is possible in the next few days, although uncertainty remains. Be prepared!
- **Advisory** - Wintery weather is expected and may affect travel conditions. Exercise caution!
- **Warning** – Significant winter weather is expected. Take Action!



Winter Storm Products

Winter Storm Warning
Snow, sleet, or ice expected! Take Action! Confidence is high that a winter storm will produce heavy snow, sleet or freezing rain and cause significant impacts.

Winter Storm Watch
Snow, sleet, or ice possible! Be prepared. Confidence is medium that a winter storm could produce heavy snow, sleet, or freezing rain and cause significant impacts.

Winter Weather Advisory
Wintery weather expected. Exercise caution. Light amounts of wintry precipitation or patchy blowing snow will cause slick conditions and could affect travel if precautions are not taken.



PREPARE: BEFORE THE STORM

Always check
the latest
forecast from a
reliable source

Check winter survival
kit in your vehicle

Alter travel plans if
necessary

Ensure adequate supplies at home if you
lose heat, power, or become stranded

DURING & AFTER THE STORM

CHECK ROAD CONDITIONS

AVOID TRAVEL IF POSSIBLE

STAY PUT IF STRANDED

TAKE BREAKS IF MOVING SNOW

 **Signal
For Help**



Hang a bright colored cloth
from the antenna or window



Turn on hazard and interior
lights occasionally



Raise the hood when snow
stops falling



Place flares or reflective
markers near the car if safe