

# **Winter:** Stay safe!

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Protect Yourself and Your Community

WEAR A MASK. SAVE LIVES. Wear a face cover. Wash your hands. Keep a safe distance.

#### Make Room for Winter Weather

Storm drains are full of leaves from fall. To help out the water flow, scrape drains clear of tree debris.

#### **Sheltering in Place**

Stay home, stay inside. Make a plan to avoid driving. This might include shelf-stable food for several days, stored drinking water, several days' worth of any necessary medications, batteries for flashlights and other emergency items, de-icer for walkways, pet food, a deck of cards, board games and puzzles.



### COVID-19

#### Frozen Conditions and High Winds

Watch out for falling trees and falling limbs. Another reason to stay inside and off the roads, even if the power is on. Limbs can fall without warning and block roadways or cause severe damage to people and property.

#### Stock Up

Emergency meal kits are a great option, many feed entire families, and last for 20+ years on the shelf. Emergency foods might include: canned goods, dried fruit, nuts, seeds, jerky, energy bars, nut butter, crackers, powdered milk. Be sure to include paper plates and cups, paper towels, plastic utensils, and a can opener.

# Power out? Turn it off!



#### Portable/Emergency Generators

It's nice to have a generator for power failure situations. Keep your home warm, bright, and safe by:

- Disconnecting the power coming into your home before operating your generator.
- Keep it outside and away from other structures.
- Generators need to be kept dry and have proper grounding.
- **To refuel** turn it off, let it cool.
- Connect appliances to the generator directly with the proper extension cord.
- ...and *never* plug a generator into a wall outlet.

For the full list of safety guidelines, please:

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#### When the Power Goes Out

- Often sudden, a power failure can throw anyone off. Make sure you know where the flashlight is (have more than one), how to stay warm, and how to help family and neighbors when needed.
- Turn off or unplug appliances and other devices. Leave one light on to know when power returns. Use flashlights and other battery-powered lights.
- Close room doors in your home to preserve any remaining heat. Dress in layers and use blankets to keep warm.
- Not used to lights out? Ensure area rugs are flattened, cords and cables are out of the way, and any stairs are clear of objects well before storm season. No one likes to organize in the dark. Keep flashlights and a first aid kit where they are easy to get to and easy to remember.

