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GET WEATHER READY WITH *TAKE WINTER BY STORM*

Take Winter By Storm is a public-private, collaborative education program helping people get better prepared for winter storms. Every year Western Washington is faced with natural disasters — hazardous winter weather storms. Preparing our communities for our annual weather hazards will lead them through the steps to be prepared for unforeseen and even catastrophic disasters.

Cooperative partners of this year's program include:



Download more Winter Preparedness Checklists at www.TakeWinterByStorm.org
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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS KITS

Be prepared to take care of yourself and those around you. Gather the following items to build emergency preparedness kits. Prepare at least three days' of essentials (seven to ten days preferred) for your family and pets. Kits should be portable and ready to go in case of evacuation.

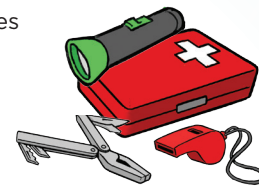
- ☐ Water – one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days for drinking and sanitation (seven to ten days preferred)
- ☐ Food – at least a three-day supply of non-perishable, ready-to-eat food and manual can opener (seven to ten days preferred)
- ☐ Battery-powered or hand-crank radio, NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- ☐ Flashlight and extra batteries
- ☐ First-aid kit
- ☐ Emergency Contact Card
- ☐ Multipurpose tool
- ☐ Whistle to signal for help
- ☐ Antiseptic towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- ☐ Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air
- ☐ Cellphone with chargers (car charger recommended in the event of power outage)
- ☐ Thermal emergency blankets
- ☐ Rain ponchos
- ☐ Personal hygiene supplies (toothbrush, toothpaste, sanitary napkins, soap, towel, etc.)
- ☐ Copies of important documents, placed in a waterproof container or bag, including:
 - Copy of your driver's license and/or birth certificate
 - Bank account information
 - Insurance cards, policy numbers and insurer contact information
- ☐ Cash (bank machines may not be functional; small bills are best)
- ☐ Extra set of house keys
- ☐ Prescription medications (seven-day supply suggested)

- ☐ Pet supplies (food, water, blanket, medications)
- ☐ Children's/baby supplies (coloring book/crayons, diapers/wipes, formula, baby food)

Always check expiration dates and update your emergency preparedness kit every six months. Use daylight-saving dates as a reminder to check your kits.

WHEELLE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS TIP

Cell phones may not be able to make calls, but the text message capability often works during emergencies. You should know how to text in case of an emergency.



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OTHER ITEMS TO HAVE ON HAND AT HOME AND AT WORK OR SCHOOL

- ☐ Emergency Contact Card
- ☐ Instructions and tools to turn off gas, electricity and water
- ☐ Plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- ☐ Warm blankets
- ☐ Tarps, tents and rope
- ☐ Fire extinguisher
- ☐ Carbon monoxide detector
- ☐ Utilities' contact information easily accessible in case of a power outage, downed power lines, gas leaks or floodwater
- ☐ Rake to remove fallen leaves and debris from storm drains to prevent street flooding
- ☐ Water-purification equipment
- ☐ Snow shovel and salt to remove snow and ice from pathways
- ☐ Outdoor faucet covers and/or insulation to wrap outdoor faucets to protect them from freezing
- ☐ Camping stove and fuel (for outdoor use only)
- ☐ Firewood and waterproof matches (for wood-burning fireplace or outdoor use only)
- ☐ Medical supplies (hearing aids with extra batteries, glasses, contact lenses and solution, syringes, cane)
- ☐ Two-way radios and extra batteries
- ☐ Local maps with predetermined evacuation routes identified
- ☐ Additional unique family needs

ITEMS TO INCLUDE IN YOUR VEHICLE

- ☐ Emergency Contact Card
- ☐ Three-day supply of food and water
- ☐ Warm clothing and sturdy walking shoes
- ☐ Warm blankets
- ☐ Rain ponchos
- ☐ Flares
- ☐ Preparedness kit with first-aid supplies
- ☐ Small shovel and traction aids (sand, cat litter, chains) when freezing weather and snow is forecast
- ☐ Local maps with predetermined evacuation routes identified

WHEELLE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS TIP

Prepare before storms hit and be weather ready! Find weather forecasts for your specific area at www.TakeWinterByStorm.org/weather. Review and practice your Family Emergency Communication Plan twice a year. Use daylight saving time dates as preparedness dates for your family.



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