

Winter Emergency Preparation List

Inside Your Home

- Check your emergency supplies. Make sure you have a 72 hour kit, and a [Heat and Eat Box](http://www.frugallocalkitchen.com/blog/pinterest-food-linky-heat-eat-box/) (<http://www.frugallocalkitchen.com/blog/pinterest-food-linky-heat-eat-box/>) at least.
- Have your chimney or flue inspected each year.
- Install a smoke detector and a battery-operated carbon monoxide detector. Test the batteries each month, and replace them twice a year.
- Bring your pets indoors during the winter.

Keep the Cold Outside of Your Home

- Insulate walls and attic.
- Caulk and weather-strip doors and windows.
- Make a draft dodger for the front and back doors.
- Hang heavy curtains between cold spaces (garage/attic) and warmer spaces to reduce loss of heat.
- Install storm windows or cover windows with plastic from the inside.
- Insulate any water lines that run along outer walls (water will be less likely to freeze).
- Service snow-removal equipment, or make sure you have plenty of snow shovels and ice removal supplies on hand.
- Have chimney and flue inspected.
- Cover your outdoor condensing unit if you have central air.