

WINTER PREPARATION CHECKLIST

WINTER CAN BE A HARSH SEASON, ESPECIALLY IF YOU LIVE IN AN AREA WITH EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS. HERE IS A CHECKLIST OF 10 THINGS YOU CAN DO TO PREPARE FOR WINTER:

- ☐ INSULATE YOUR HOME: MAKE SURE YOUR HOME IS WELL-INSULATED TO KEEP THE HEAT INSIDE AND THE COLD AIR OUTSIDE. CHECK WINDOWS, DOORS, AND WALLS FOR ANY LEAKS OR DRAFTS.
- ☐ CHECK YOUR HEATING SYSTEM: BEFORE WINTER ARRIVES, HAVE YOUR HEATING SYSTEM INSPECTED BY A PROFESSIONAL. THIS WILL ENSURE THAT IT IS IN GOOD WORKING CONDITION AND WILL KEEP YOU WARM ALL WINTER LONG.
- ☐ STOCK UP ON SUPPLIES: MAKE SURE YOU HAVE ENOUGH SUPPLIES TO LAST YOU THROUGH ANY WINTER STORMS OR POWER OUTAGES. THIS INCLUDES FOOD, WATER, BATTERIES, AND ANY NECESSARY MEDICATIONS.
- ☐ PREPARE YOUR CAR: CHECK YOUR CAR'S TIRES, BRAKES, AND ANTIFREEZE LEVELS. IT'S ALSO A GOOD IDEA TO KEEP AN EMERGENCY KIT IN YOUR CAR IN CASE YOU GET STRANDED.
- ☐ PROTECT YOUR PIPES: TO PREVENT YOUR PIPES FROM FREEZING, INSULATE THEM AND KEEP YOUR HOME AT A CONSISTENT TEMPERATURE.
- ☐ CLEAR YOUR GUTTERS: CLEAN YOUR GUTTERS TO PREVENT ICE DAMS FROM FORMING. ICE DAMS CAN DAMAGE YOUR ROOF AND CAUSE LEAKS IN YOUR HOME.
- ☐ TRIM TREES AND BUSHES: TRIM ANY TREES OR BUSHES THAT ARE CLOSE TO YOUR HOME TO PREVENT THEM FROM FALLING ON YOUR HOUSE DURING A WINTER STORM.
- ☐ STOCK UP ON FIREWOOD: IF YOU HAVE A FIREPLACE OR WOOD STOVE, MAKE SURE YOU HAVE ENOUGH FIREWOOD TO LAST YOU THROUGH THE WINTER.
- ☐ PROTECT YOUR PETS: PETS CAN GET COLD AND SUFFER FROM HYPOTHERMIA JUST LIKE HUMANS. MAKE SURE THEY HAVE A WARM PLACE TO SLEEP AND PLENTY OF FOOD AND WATER.
- ☐ STAY INFORMED: KEEP UP-TO-DATE WITH THE LATEST WEATHER FORECASTS AND EMERGENCY ALERTS. THIS WILL HELP YOU PREPARE FOR ANY WINTER STORMS THAT MAY BE HEADED YOUR WAY.

"STAY COZY AND WARM THIS WINTER SEASON!"

