

Winter Home Prep: What to do When it's Freezing Temps or a Blizzard

Are you prepared for when the freezing temperatures set in or when there's an extreme snow storm. Use this checklist to help you prepare.



Winter Storm Prep Kit

- Multiple flashlights
- Extra batteries
- Case of bottled water
- Stock up on non-perishable food (especially before a storm) (don't forget medications)
- Snacks
- Throwaway essentials (plates, napkins, forks, knives, spoons, paper towels, etc)
- Extra blankets or sleeping bags for warmth
- Extra portable phone charger
- Battery radio
- Games to play
- Keep a shovel in the basement
- Set up local text alerts on your phone for things like storm warnings or power outages
- Your car has a full tank of gas

Home Prep

- Backup generator
- Space heaters
- Make sure your carbon monoxide and fire alarms are working
- Make sure your gas heater is checked by a professional every year
- Make sure your fireplace(s) are serviced each year
- Make sure your pipes are well insulated (inside and out)
- Make sure your doors and windows are properly sealed
- Have your heat to at least 68 during the day and don't have it too low during the night (especially if you are out of town)
- Open cabinets where there is plumbing during a deep freeze (especially if you are out of town)
- If you are out of town leave some of your faucets on a low drip

Garden Prep

- Make sure your outdoor water source is turned off
- Disconnect your hose and turn off your sprinkler system
- Make sure your plants have a few inches of mulch around them to protect the roots
- Water a few days before a deep freeze if you can
- Cover tropical plants with plastic before freeze
- Put plants in containers inside your garage
- Secure anything that could get blown away