

# 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

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- ☐ 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

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