



GOVERNOR'S DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

WINTER WEATHER EMERGENCY CHECKLIST

AUSTIN – Thursday November 13, 2008 is Winter Weather Awareness Day in Texas. Winter storms can strand motorists traveling northern routes in Texas, sometimes striking South Texas and coastal areas. When winter storms threaten, monitor TV and radio, National Weather Service forecasts and NOAA Weather Radio for information. If you must travel, keep your gas tank near full to avoid ice in the tank and fuel lines and don't travel alone.

EMERGENCY SUPPLIES FOR VEHICLE

- Blankets/sleeping bags and extra clothing, including mittens and hat
- Cell phone, radio, flashlight, extra batteries, booster cables
- First-aid kit
- High-calorie, non-perishable food and bottled water
- Sack of sand or cat litter for de-icing roadway
- Windshield scraper , tool kit, tow rope and shovel

EMERGENCY TIPS FOR HOME

If heavy ice on the lines cuts utility service, be extremely careful using generators or gas powered equipment. Carbon monoxide (CO) is invisible, odorless, deadly and can build up in a matter of minutes. Do not use generators, charcoal grills or gas grills inside the house, garage or other enclosed space. Do not try to heat the house using a gas range or oven. Be prepared at home or work with these supplies:

- Battery-powered NOAA weather radio, extra batteries
- Emergency supplies of food, water, medicine, medical supplies and items needed by babies or the elderly
- Heating fuel for areas where fuel carriers may not be able to get through
- Properly ventilated emergency heating source such as a fireplace, wood stove or space heater
- Fire extinguisher and smoke detector

For more winter weather preparedness information, see: www.weather.gov



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