



Everyone loves a snow day, but winter storms can disrupt your community from a few hours to a few days – or more. Protect yourself by recognizing potential winter storm scenarios:

A Winter Storm Watch Means that winter storm conditions are a threat within 36 to 48 hours.

A Winter Storm Warning Means that severe winter conditions have begun or will begin within 24 hours.



Winterize your vehicle and keep the gas tank full. A full tank will keep the fuel line from freezing.



Wear warm clothing in multiple layers as needed.

Insulate your home by installing storm windows or covering windows with plastic from the inside to keep cold air out.

If you will be going away during cold weather, leave the heat on in your home, set to a temperature no lower than 55° F.

Never use a cooking range or oven to heat your home.

Maintain heating equipment and chimneys by having them cleaned and inspected every year.

Portable heaters and fireplaces should never be left unattended. Turn off space heaters and make sure any embers in the fireplace are extinguished before going to bed or leaving home.

Monitor body temperature, both your own and your family members'. Because infants younger than a year old lose body heat more easily than adults, make sure they wear warm clothing and try to keep your home warm inside if you have an infant at home. If you cannot maintain a warm temperature inside your home, try to make alternative arrangements.

Drip all faucets in your home continuously during severe cold, including kitchen and bathroom sinks as well as shower and tub faucets, to prevent pipes from freezing and bursting.



Stay ahead of the storm. For critical safety and weather information, download the free app from The Weather Channel today!

