

# PREPARE FOR WINTER STORMS

Winter storms are an expected seasonal event in many areas of the country, but a more intense winter storm can still immobilize an entire region. Regions not typically impacted can be subjected to freezing temperatures and ice storms—leading to power outages, road closures, damaged buildings and surge challenges.

## PREPARE

- Dress in layers to maintain body warmth and check for frostbite
- Winterize your facility and other buildings that may need to be used as shelters and fleet vehicles
- Insulate pipes and know how to shut off water valves in case pipes freeze and burst
- Prepare for potential isolation or sheltering-in-place by storing essential supplies sufficient to support your employees for several days.
- Make sure to add rock salt, snow shovels and blankets to your stock of emergency supplies

 Ice Melting Compounds	 Generators	 Snow Blowers	 Power Brushes	 Drop and Broadcast Spreaders	 Tailgate Spreaders
 Snow Shovels and Pushers	 Ice Choppers and Scrapers	 Snow Roof Rakes	 Heaters	 Heated Jackets	 Thermal Underwear
 Cold Condition Gloves	 Antifreeze and Coolants	 Pipe Insulation	 Cold Weather Extension Cords	 Wet-Area Mats	 Window and Door Seals

## RESPOND

- Listen to the radio for weather reports and emergency information
- Stay indoors and off the roads. If you must travel, do so in groups and inform others of your travel plans and route
- Conserve fuel by closing off unnecessary areas of the building
- Maintain ventilation when using kerosene heaters or gas-powered generators to avoid buildup of toxic fumes
- Avoid overexerting yourself if you must go out in a winter storm, heart attacks brought on by overexertion are a major cause of death in winter

 Automotive Battery Chargers	 Automotive Snow Accessories	 Jumper Cables	 Tire Chains	 Emergency Roadside Kits	 Temporary Portable Lighting
 Boot Dryers	 Foot Traction Devices	 Entrance Mats	 First Aid Kits	 Lock Deicers	

## RECOVER

- Your recovery needs will vary based on the damage incurred. If ice or heavy snow has damaged your buildings, make sure they are structurally sound before entering
- Watch for spilled liquids that may have frozen on floors and other surfaces, promptly check for damaged water and gas pipes
- If you have water damage, be sure to dry walls, carpet and furniture thoroughly to help avoid mold issues, consider hiring a contractor who specializes in flood remediation

 Wet/Dry Vacuums	 Floor Care	 Cleaning Equipment	 Brooms, Brushes and Dust Pans	 Roof Repair Products	 Mopping Supplies
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