

# Winter Prep Checklist



## Home Protection

- ☐ Seal gaps around windows and doors (weatherstripping, door sweeps, insulating film)
- ☐ Clear gutters and roofs to help prevent ice dams
- ☐ Stock snow and ice tools (shovels, rock salt, ice melt)
- ☐ Secure outdoor items (furniture, grills, trash bins)
- ☐ Inspect heating system; replace filters
- ☐ Test thermostats and space heaters
- ☐ Identify a safe backup heat source
- ☐ Set faucets to drip if extremely cold to prevent frozen pipes
- ☐ Know how to shut off your home's water supply
- ☐ Place non-slip mats at entryways

### PRO TIP

Close curtains at night and open them during daylight to capture free solar heat.



## Essentials

### Food & Water

- ☐ At least 3 days of nonperishable food
- ☐ Drinking water (1 gallon per person per day)
- ☐ Manual can opener
- ☐ Baby supplies (formula, wipes, diapers)
- ☐ Pet food

### Health & Safety

- ☐ Prescription medications (refilled and accessible)
- ☐ First-aid kit
- ☐ Hygiene items (wipes, sanitizer, tissues)
- ☐ Warm clothing (hats, gloves, boots)
- ☐ Extra blankets or sleeping bags

### Communication

- ☐ Battery-powered or hand-crank weather radio
- ☐ Updated emergency contact list
- ☐ Battery power banks for cell phones
- ☐ Waterproof folder for important documents

### Lighting

- ☐ Flashlights or headlamps
- ☐ Fresh batteries
- ☐ LED lantern

### PRO TIP

Store winter essentials in one grab-and-go bin so you're not searching for items when alerts come in.



## Power Readiness

### Generator Prep

- ☐ Choose your backup power source
  - ☐ Portable generator
  - ☐ Inverter generator
  - ☐ Power station & solar panel
- ☐ Place portable generators outdoors, far away from doors/windows/vents
- ☐ Confirm CO detectors are working
- ☐ Verify transfer switch or interlock setup (if applicable)
- ☐ Test generator before storms
- ☐ Review the owner's manual or quick-start guide

### Fuel & Charging

- ☐ Keep fresh fuel stored safely in approved containers
- ☐ Stock propane tanks (if applicable)
- ☐ Stabilize gasoline for long-term storage
- ☐ Charge batteries, phones, power stations
- ☐ Keep spare batteries for lights and radios

### Cords & Accessories

- ☐ Outdoor-rated extension cords long enough to run inside while maintaining generator distance from indoors
- ☐ Weather covers for outdoor outlets
- ☐ Surge protection for sensitive electronics

### Power Outage Drill

- ☐ Test which appliances you'll run
- ☐ Confirm total wattage requirements
- ☐ Ensure fuel quantity matches expected runtime
- ☐ Practice switching to backup power

### PRO TIP

Run your generator for 10-15 minutes once a month to keep it ready. This small step prevents most "won't start" issues during real outages.