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 forgot 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

- [ ] 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 were 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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