

City of Fairfax

Winter Weather Safety Checklist



Winter Weather Advisory

- Winter weather conditions are expected to cause significant inconveniences and may be hazardous. Typically for 2-4 inches of snow accumulation.

Winter Storm Watch

- Winter storm conditions with significant accumulation are possible within the next 36 to 48 hours.
- Monitor NOAA Weather Radio or local radio/TV weather broadcasts and be prepared to take protective measures should a warning be issued.
- Review your family disaster plan.
- Make sure you have disaster supply kits available
 - For information on how to build a kit visit www.fairfaxva.gov/EM/EM.asp
- Dress in several layers of lightweight clothing, wear gloves and a hat.
- Take preventive measures and use salt, rock salt, sand, or non-clumping kitty litter to make walkways and steps less slippery
- Locate snow shovels or snow removal equipment.
- Winterize vehicles and keep the gas tank full to avoid fuel line from freezing.
- Make sure heating sources are in good condition and ventilation systems are adequate to avoid carbon monoxide exposure.
- Continue to monitor your NOAA Weather Radio or local radio/TV weather broadcasts for updated information.

Winter Storm Warning

- Life-threatening, severe winter conditions have begun or will begin within 24 hours in the warning area.
- Be prepared to take protective measures immediately and seek shelter if needed.
- If traveling, avoid traveling at night, keep on main roads, and advise other people of your traveling schedule.
- Before tackling strenuous tasks in cold temperatures, consider your physical condition, the weather factors, and the nature of the task.
- If power or heat is lost during periods of extreme cold seek alternate shelter.
- Continue to monitor your NOAA Weather Radio or local/TV weather broadcasts for updated information.



For more information on disaster and emergency preparedness, visit Fairfaxva.gov/EM/EM.asp

