



Waukesha County

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WAUKESHA COUNTY RESIDENTS ASKED TO GET A HEAD START ON WINTER WEATHER PLANNING

(WAUKESHA, WI) – With winter officially less than three months away, Waukesha County residents are reminded to begin preparations now so they're ready when severe weather hits. September is National Preparedness Month, a nationwide effort sponsored by the US Department of Homeland Security, to encourage Americans to do simple things to prepare themselves in the event of a disaster or emergency.

Before winter approaches:

- Update your home emergency kit with rock salt, sand, shovels, heating fuel, and warm clothing
- Winterize your vehicle and stock it with a travel emergency kit
- Make a family communications plan so everyone knows what to do in case you get separated
- Consider purchasing a NOAA Weather Radio to get alerts and warnings directly from the NWS
- Sign up to receive emergency alert texts at public.alertsense.com/SignUp/?regionid=1140
- Download FEMA's Be Smart. Know Your Alerts and Warnings app at: www.ready.gov/prepare

More information about how to prepare for cold weather in the months leading up to winter are available at <https://www.ready.gov/winter-weather>.

About Waukesha County Emergency Management

Waukesha County Emergency Management (WCEM) is a division of Waukesha County's Department of Emergency Preparedness. WCEM provides a comprehensive and integrated emergency management program designed to mitigate, prepare for, respond to and recover from the effects of natural and technological hazards which potentially impact the welfare, safety and health of all Waukesha County citizens.

For more information, head to www.waukeshacounty.gov/EmergencyManagement

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