

- Prepare an emergency preparedness kit sufficient for at least 3 days.
- Only use an electric space heater with auto shut-off valve and no glowing part.
- Consult a contractor to determine home's structural integrity and insulation needs.
- Make sure your carbon monoxide detector is working properly.
- Ensure there is a fire extinguisher handy in the event of a house fire caused by heat source.
- Learn how to shut off the water valves to avoid cracked or burst pipes.
- Cover windows with plastic or install storm windows to keep cold air out.
- Make sure you have plenty of blankets, sleeping bags, and winter coats.
- Have your mechanic check your car's antifreeze, defroster, brakes, heater, tires, and wipers.
- Place another emergency preparedness kit in the car.
- Know how to operate manual release lever for electric garage door.
- Prepare your child to qualify for SSI or Medicaid
- Check on neighbors when weather permits.