

# 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.

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## Winter Storm Prep Kit

- Multiple flashlights
- Extra batteries
- Case of bottled water
- Stock up on non-perishable food (especially before a storm) (don't forget 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 where 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
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## 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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