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CITY OF JOLIET REMINDS RESIDENTS ABOUT WINTER PREPAREDNESS FOR HOME, WORK, AND VEHICLES

The City of Joliet Emergency Management Agency reminds all residents of the following winter preparedness tips when severe weather conditions arise. A winter survival kit in your vehicle will greatly improve your safety if you should become stranded on the road. Your kit should consist of the following:

- Cell phone and charger
- Blankets/sleeping bag
- Flashlight and batteries
- First Aid Kit
- Knife
- High calorie non-perishable food
- Extra clothing
- Sack of sand or kitty litter for traction
- Shovel
- Windshield scraper
- Water tow rope
- Battery booster cable
- GPS or maps

Work and Home Survival Kit:

- Battery powered NOAA weather radio
- Extra food and water
- Extra prescription medication
- First aid supplies
- Emergency heat source (wood stove, fireplace, space heater)
- Food, water, and shelter for pets

Dress for the season during outdoor activities. Wear loose, lightweight, warm clothes in layers. Outer garments should be tightly woven, water repellent, and hooded. Try to cover as much exposed skin as possible and remember to stay dry.

If you must travel, make sure your gas tank is full and you have a survival kit in your vehicle. Tell your family and friends where you are going, the roads you plan on taking, and your expected time of arrival. If you become stranded on the road during a winter storm call for help. **Do not try to walk to safety.** Stay in your vehicle and attach a cloth to the antenna or window to indicate you need help. Turn on the dome light and flashers to make your vehicle more noticeable.

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