

Prepare For Severe Winter Weather

CHECK THE FORECAST



Winter Storm Watch - BE PREPARED.

Hazardous winter weather may occur within 48 hours.

Winter Storm Warning - TAKE ACTION.

Hazardous weather is occurring or imminent.

Tune into local media forecasts & follow National Weather Service's Reno & Sacramento social media accounts.

PREPARE YOUR STAY BAG



Assemble a stay bag with enough supplies for at least two weeks.

- Stock up on NON-PERISHABLE SHELF-STABLE food.
- Keep a supply of bottled water for drinking. If on a well, fill bathtubs with water for household use.
- Have a flashlight, camp stove, and fuel ready.
- Gather warm clothes, blankets, and sleeping bags.
- Have extra food, water, and blankets for your pets and animals.
- Make a plan for medical devices and have backup batteries. Call FREED, (530) 447-3333, for personal emergency planning assistance.

FUEL-UP & STOCK-UP



Storms mean power outages, prep your backup energy and heat before the weather hits.

- Top off your propane tank and conserve fuel BEFORE the storm.
- Use a wood stove or fireplace? Make sure you have plenty of dry firewood and that your flue is clean.
- Have a full tank of gas and a fully charged vehicle.
- Charge batteries and devices so you can stay connected.
- Ensure you have a snow shovel and backups.
- Stock up on fuel for generators, snow blowers, and chainsaws.



For more tips, visit:

ReadyNevadaCounty.org/WinterPreparedness



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READY, SET, SNOW!



The Storm is Here. What To Do During Severe Winter Weather.

EAT, HYDRATE, & STAY WARM ✓



Take out your stay bag and hunker down till the storm passes.

- Break out the shelf-stable foods, camping supplies, and bottled water to stay hydrated and energized.
- Layer up and stay warm. If your home becomes too cold, visit friends, family, or a warming center.
- Heat your home safely. Keep flammables at least three feet away from heat sources, don't leave heaters unattended, check that your fuel-burning equipment is venting properly, and that your CO₂ monitor is working.
- Only travel if absolutely necessary and check road conditions BEFORE you leave.

STAY CONNECTED ✓

Look out for one another. Check on neighbors, friends, and family.

- Use a battery-powered/hand-crank radio to tune into local radio stations and stay informed of conditions.
- If the power is out, use text messaging to stay connected and keep your devices in airplane mode when not in use.
- Set up a neighborhood snow clearing party! Your neighbors can be your greatest resource during a storm.



AFTER THE STORM ✓



Now it's time to assess damages and prepare for the next one!

- Assess your house and property for damage. Remember, storm debris becomes a fire hazard in the spring.
- If there are downed powerlines, first call 911 and then contact your utility provider.
- Inventory your supplies and prepare for the next storm.



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