



ICE STORMS, FREEZING RAIN & WINTER STORMS

Follow the tips in this guide to keep safe and warm during ice storms and freezing rain.

When Ice Storms Are Most Common

- ✓ Between November and March

Warning Signs

- ✓ Weather forecasts predicting freezing rain
- ✓ Icy buildup on surfaces, trees, and power lines
- ✓ Reports of accidents due to slippery roads
- ✓ Rain during the day, followed by sub-freezing temperatures at night which causes rain to freeze on trees and surfaces

Preparing Your Home

- ✓ Insulate pipes to prevent freezing
- ✓ Cut down or trim trees that may be in danger of falling on your home
- ✓ Keep a supply of rock salt or ice melt for walkways and driveways
- ✓ Ensure heating systems are in good working order
- ✓ Make sure your emergency kit is well-stocked

Keeping Your Pets Safe

- ✓ Include pet supplies (food, medicine) in your emergency kit
- ✓ Bring pets indoors during icy conditions
- ✓ Wipe off your pet's paws after they've been outside to prevent salt or chemicals from irritating their pads
- ✓ Consider microchipping your pets in case they get lost

Keeping Livestock and Farmland Safe

- ✓ Provide shelter for livestock to protect them from icy conditions
- ✓ Ensure water sources are not frozen
- ✓ Store feed in a dry and accessible location



What To Do In Case Of Emergency

- ✓ Avoid unnecessary travel
- ✓ Stay indoors and keep updated on weather conditions
- ✓ Use caution when walking outside to prevent slips and falls
- ✓ If you must travel by car, consider snow tires or snow chains for your vehicle's tires

Building An Emergency Kit



- ✓ Non-perishable food and water for several days (aim for at least 1 gallon of water per person per day)
- ✓ Blankets, warm clothing, and extra layers
- ✓ Flashlights, batteries, and a weather radio
- ✓ Rock salt or ice melt for de-icing walkways