

## **SNOWSTORM GUIDE**

### **STEP 1 - PREPARE**

- Insulate any water lines that run along exterior walls so your water supply will be less likely to freeze.
  - Make an <u>Emergency Plan</u>. Before a disaster strikes, set a plan with your family to know how to contact one another and reconnect if separated.
- Keep an <u>Emergency Supply Kit</u> in your home, and an <u>Emergency Car Kit</u> in your vehicle. It's best to avoid traveling, but if it is necessary, it's important to have essential items. 72HRS has various <u>Emergency Kits!</u> Choose one that best suites your needs.
- Make sure you have <u>shovels and snow</u> <u>removal tools</u> ready.
- Having **light** to see is very important!

  Keep a flashlight in a place that is familiar and easy to access in case of a power outage. Having at least one

  Hand-crank Flashlight in your house is a good idea as it does not rely on batteries.
- Have an **alternative heat source**, such as a fireplace, wood burning stove, or a generator, so you are able to keep one room in your home warm and livable.

### **STEP 2 - DURING**

- Radio and television stations will broadcast Environment Canada weather statements. Pay attention to that information. Keep a **NOAA radio** in your emergency kit
- Heat your home correctly follow the manufacturer's instructions if using a wood stove, fireplace, or space heater.
- Leave water taps slightly open so they drip continuously - this makes sure the pipes do not freeze and rupture.
- Watch for signs of <u>frostbite or</u>

  <u>hypothermia</u>
- Bring companion animals indoors.
  Create a place where other animals can be comfortable in severe winter weather.
- Wear proper clothing and keep dry.
  Change wet clothing frequently to prevent a loss of body heat

#### **STEP 3 - AFTER**

- Be careful when clearing snow. Take your time and avoid overexertion. Take regular breaks to warm up and rest if needed.
- Follow directions from **local authorities** and **first responder personnel.**
- Be aware of the wind chill. Avoid unnecessary exposure of any part of the body to the cold.
- If possible, **avoid driving and travel** until conditions improve.
- Stay off ice many injuries related to cold weather happen from falls on ice-covered sidewalks, steps, driveways, and porches.

# IMPORTANT FACTS









# RECOMMENDED KITS





The 72HRS Essentials Kit
Available for 1-4 people

The 72HRS Deluxe Kit
Available for 1–4 people