

## Regional Resources:

National Weather Service, Seattle Office

[www.wrh.noaa.gov/seo/](http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/seo/)

Weather Apps

Take Winter By Storm:

[www.takewinterbystorm.org](http://www.takewinterbystorm.org)

Sound Transit

[www.soundtransit.org](http://www.soundtransit.org)

Paratransit Services

[www.wanemt.com](http://www.wanemt.com)

Social & Human Services Dial 211

## Pierce County:

Public Works WinterWise

[www.piercecountywa.org/winterwise](http://www.piercecountywa.org/winterwise)

Tacoma Public Utilities—outage map

[www.mytpu.org](http://www.mytpu.org)

Peninsula Light Co.

[www.penlight.org](http://www.penlight.org)

- power outage safety
- emergency preparedness

Puget Sound Energy

[www.pse.com](http://www.pse.com)

- outage map

Pierce County Roads & Transportation

[www.co.pierce.wa.us](http://www.co.pierce.wa.us)

- emergency snow & ice plan
- snow & ice removal
- transportation services

Pierce Transit

[www.piercetransit.org](http://www.piercetransit.org)

Community Connections

[www.vets-go.com](http://www.vets-go.com)

Catholic Community Services

[www.ccsww.org](http://www.ccsww.org)

United Way

[www.uwpc.org/transportation](http://www.uwpc.org/transportation)

KP School Bus Connects (253) 884-2877

Private Transit Services

- Transpor
- Local Motion
- Around the Sound
- Mustard Seed Project

## King County:

Puget Sound Energy

- energy-saving tips
- assistance for low-income customers

Hopelink (800) 348-7144

Seattle City Light (206) 684-3000

[www.seattle.gov/light/help](http://www.seattle.gov/light/help)

- assistance for low-income customers

King Co. Metro & Dept of Transportation

[metro.kingcounty.gov/alerts/adverse-weather](http://metro.kingcounty.gov/alerts/adverse-weather)

Sign-up for Alerts

[metro.kingcounty.gov/signup/](http://metro.kingcounty.gov/signup/)

Road Alerts for unincorporated King Co.

[your.kingcounty.gov/kcdot/roads/roadalert/subscriptions](http://your.kingcounty.gov/kcdot/roads/roadalert/subscriptions)

Seattle Dept. of Transportation 206-684-ROAD

[seattle.gov/transportation/winterweather](http://seattle.gov/transportation/winterweather)

- Winter Weather Response Map
- Twitter @seattledot

## Snohomish County:

Snohomish County

[www.snohomishcountyway.gov](http://www.snohomishcountyway.gov)

- Road Closures

Snohomish County

Public Utility District

[www.snopud.com](http://www.snopud.com)

- If the Power Goes Out (Safety)
- Winter Storm Preparation
- Trees Near Power Lines
- Portable Generator Safety

Community Transit 425-353-7433

[www.commtrans.org/](http://www.commtrans.org/)

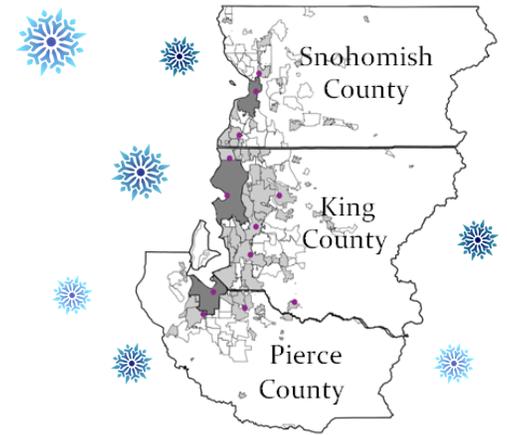
- DART (425) 347-7997

Everett Transit

[www.evertttransit.org](http://www.evertttransit.org)

- Paratransit
- Snow Routes & Service
- Rider Alerts

# Winter Weather Preparedness



This year you can expect longer than usual response times for services, such as clearing roads or restoring power, during severe weather. Making a simple family plan and assembling an emergency kit can help minimize the impacts on you and your family. The following tips and resources can help.

Plan now to prevent disruptions!



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## Be Prepared:

### Check the current weather, road conditions, & transit changes

- Watch the local news
- Listen to a local radio station
- Use Smartphone apps (weather channel)
- Sign-up for text alerts
- Use a NOAA Weather Radio
- **Go to the grocery store before the storm & get enough extra food, water, & safety supplies**
- Canned/no-cook food (bread, crackers, dried fruit)
- Non-electric can opener
- Refill prescription medication (if able)
- First-aid kit
- Food & water for children and or pets
- Flashlight & extra batteries
- Clear sidewalks & ramps, **Do Not use rock salt! It is poisonous to animals**
- **Alternative heat sources**
- Protect your dogs feet use boots or clean them off once you get inside.
- Fireplace with enough dry firewood
- Portable automatic shut-off heaters
- Keep heat sources at least 3 feet away from furniture
- Never leave children or pets unattended near a heat source
- **NEVER USE CHARCOLE GRILLS OR PORTABLE GAS CAMP STOVES INDOORS**



NEVER cook or heat inside on a charcoal or gas grill.



## If you Must go Outside:

### If you are advised to stay indoors, do not leave your home unless absolutely necessary or in the event of an emergency.

- Wear layered clothing, gloves, hat, scarf, & a warm coat
- Cover your mouth to protect your lungs, avoid taking deep breaths
- Keep dry, change wet clothes frequently to prevent a loss of body heat
- Avoid overexertion, such as shoveling heavy snow, pushing a car or walking in deep snow
- For those who use wheelchairs, wrap a blanket around your legs to keep warm
- Take extra food, water, & medications
- Let someone know when you are going to leave & where you are going, & when you plan to be back
- Avoid staying outside for long periods of time & watch for signs of hypothermia and frostbite
- If you suspect that someone is suffering from hypothermia, wrap them in a blanket and call 911 immediately
- Clean your adaptive equipment after being outside. Make sure you clean off any salt or other de-icing chemicals to avoid rust.
- Freezing rain & snow will stick to metal parts of equipment and make them slippery and cold to the touch.

### Examples for a Winter Emergency Kit :

- A warm coat, gloves or mittens, hat, scarf, & water resistant boots for each member of your family.
- Extra blankets & extra warm clothing
- Ice melt products or non-clumping kitty litter for extra traction on ice.
- Customize for your needs

## Prepare to Stay Inside:

**Be Ready:** Print or write your emergency support contacts, medical information, medications, doctors contact information.

**Stay Safe:** Ice melt & shovel, flashlights, light sticks, extra batteries. **Avoid candles!**

**Keep Warm:** Blankets, coats, hats, snow boots, gloves or mittens, wool socks, & scarves (extra blankets for service animals or pets), have a carbon monoxide detector

**Stay Informed:** Radio, NOAA Radio, extra batteries, extra chargers or batteries for devices you rely on that require electricity

**Stay healthy:** Water, non-perishable food, can opener, food for children pets/ service animals, medication supply, hygiene items, first-aid kit

**Electricity powered devices:** if you rely on electricity to maintain independent ask your power company about a priority power list.

**Oxygen:** If you rely on oxygen talk to your vendor about emergency replacements

**Dialysis or other types of specialized medical treatments:** talk to your health provider about what to do in the event of a winter storm or other emergency.

**Never use your oven to heat your home!**

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