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Heavy snowfall and extreme cold can immobilize certain areas in Arizona. Even areas that normally experience mild winters can be hit with a major snowstorm or extreme cold. Winter storms can result in flooding, storm surge, closed highways, blocked roads, downed power lines and hypothermia. You can protect yourself, your family and your property by following these basic tips:

BUSINESSES/HOMES

- ❖ Winterize your business and/or home to extend the life of your fuel supply by insulating walls and attics. Caulking and weather-stripping doors and windows, and installing storm windows or covering windows with plastic;
- ❖ Winterize your house, shed or any other structure that may provide shelter for your family, neighbors, livestock or equipment. Clear rain gutters; repair roof leaks and cut away tree branches that could fall on a house or other structure during a storm;
- ❖ Insulate pipes with insulation or newspapers and plastic, and allow faucets to drip a little during cold weather to avoid freezing;
- ❖ Have a contractor check the structural ability of the roof to sustain unusually heavy weight from the accumulation of snow or water; and
- ❖ Create an Emergency Supply Kit and include:
 - ❖ Rock salt to melt ice on walkways;
 - ❖ Sand to improve traction; and
 - ❖ Snow shovels and other snow removal equipment.

PREPARE YOUR CAR

- ❖ Install good winter tires or make sure the tires have adequate tread. All-weather radials are usually sufficient for most winter conditions. Some jurisdictions may require snow chains depending on road conditions.



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DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

- ❖ Wear several layers of loose fitting, lightweight warm clothing rather than one layer of heavy clothing. The outer garments should be tightly woven and water repellent;
- ❖ Wear mittens, which are warmer than gloves;
- ❖ Wear a hat; and
- ❖ Cover your mouth with a scarf to protect your lungs.