

# Important freeze-warning safety tips EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW

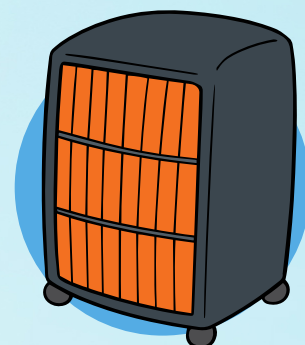


## Keep pets warm

With temperatures falling below freezing for more than 72 hours, outdoor pets should be brought inside, if possible, or given adequate, safe, warm housing. Keep the entrance to dog houses turned away from the direction of the rain and wind. If heating the houses, check cords and lights to make sure they are functioning properly.

## Keep an eye on space heaters

Space heaters, electric or gas, are great options to keep rooms warm. However, do not leave space heaters unattended. All space heaters should be unplugged when not in use. Never leave a space heater unattended and make sure any rugs, curtains, furniture or clutter is kept at least three feet away from all sides of the heater.



## Check on your pipes

Before the temperatures drop, make sure exposed plumbing is wrapped and insulated, if possible. If you cannot wrap your pipes, allow multiple faucets inside your home to drip while the temperatures are below freezing. Pipes may burst if water freezes.

## Cover hose pipe faucets, outside plumbing

Make sure to detach all hose pipes and drain the water from them. Make sure all spigots are turned off and covered appropriately. If you can't purchase a cover at a hardware store, wrap the spigot in a plastic bag, a layer of a towel or old fabric, then secure with duct tape or zip ties.

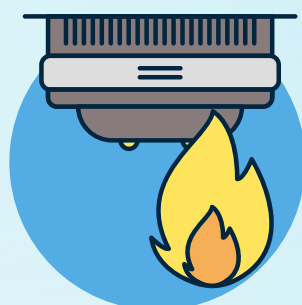


## Winter-proof doors and windows

Make sure doors and windows are sealed properly to keep the cold air out and the warm air in. Ensure that seals around the window are airtight. Windows or doors with windows may condensate due to the extreme temperature difference.

## Check carbon monoxide, fire detectors

Ensure that all fire alarms and carbon monoxide alarms are working properly. Install combination alarms if you do not have any installed. Do not use kerosene heat sources or other heat sources made for outdoor use inside, in inclosed spaces. A build up of carbon monoxide can happen quickly and is deadly.



## Be prepared when driving

Low-lying and tree-lined roadways could have some slick icy patches. Make sure you drive carefully on those areas. If traveling, make sure you have a winter emergency kit in your vehicle, complete with warm clothing, blankets, snacks and road flares. If you become stranded, it can be dangerous in temperatures below freezing. Stay with your vehicle and call for help.

## Help your neighbors

Check in on your elderly or disabled neighbors. Ensure they have seen to the above tips. Check on them throughout the freezing temperatures. Ice can freeze on driveways and sidewalks, so offer to get their mail or take their garbage cans out for pick-up.



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