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It's Winter Preparedness Week: Be Ready, Make a Plan

Winter Preparedness Week runs through December 6, 2014, but there is no expiration date on preparing for bad weather. An important part of winter weather planning is being prepared to stay where you are until conditions improve. To be ready, take these steps:

Get a kit. Basic emergency supplies include:

- Three days' food that does not need refrigeration or electricity to prepare it
- Three days' water (a gallon per person per day)
- A battery-powered and/or hand-crank radio with extra batteries
- For businesses and offices, some bottles of water, food bars and a radio or TV to hear local information about whether or not it is safe to travel
- A power pack for recharging cell phones and other mobile devices

Make a plan. Everyone needs an emergency plan:

- Decide who your out-of-town emergency contact will be.
- Where will you meet up with family members if you can't return home?
- Find an easy-to-use online planning tool at www.loudoun.gov/readynova.

Stay informed. Before, during and after a winter storm, you should:

- Listen to local media for information and instructions from emergency officials.
- Be aware of winter storm watches and warnings and road conditions.
- Get where you need to go before the weather gets bad.
- Get road condition information 24/7 by calling 511 or checking www.511Virginia.org. Local traffic incident information is online at www.loudoun.gov/traffic.

You may also sign up for alerts from Loudoun County, including emergency information, news releases, traffic information, and more, through Alert Loudoun at www.loudoun.gov/alert; follow Loudoun County on Twitter at www.loudoun.gov/twitter; and on Facebook at www.loudoun.gov/facebook. You can find more information about wintertime preparedness online at www.loudoun.gov/winter.



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