

Tips for Upcoming Weather Event From Our Emergency Management Coordinator & Township Officials

Stay Safe

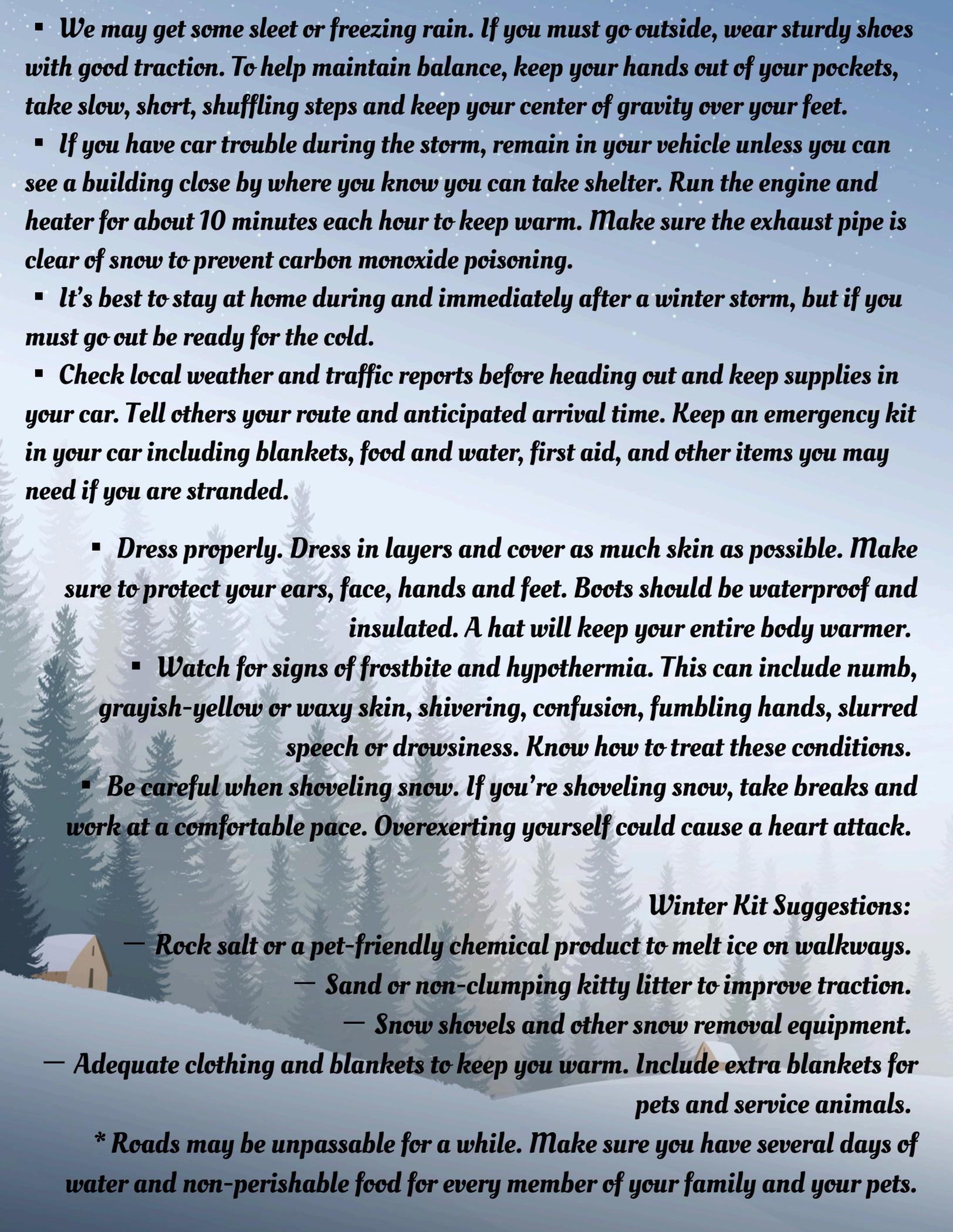
- **Severe winter storms can bring extended power outages. Make sure you heat your home safely. Be careful if you use a generator: Keep it outdoors and at least 20 feet away from windows, doors and garages.**
- **Consider postponing non-essential travel until the roads are cleared. We have a small, but mighty & efficient township roadcrew. If you must drive, increase your following distance to other vehicles from 3-4 seconds to 5-6 seconds. During a winter storm, follow guidance from local officials. If they ask you to stay off the roads, please do so.**

PATIENCE IS KEY!

- **Snow and freezing rain may bring the risk of power outages. If you lose power, don't use a gas stove or oven to heat your home. Call if you need assistance. We will all do our best to help you. Phone numbers for township officials are listed on our website under the "Officials & Staff" tab.**

Power outages can last several days. There are some low-cost tips you can use to keep your house as warm as possible if the heat goes out:

- **Close the vents and shut the doors in rooms you're not using**
- **Place a rolled towel at the bottom of all doors to keep drafts out.**
- **Keep window coverings like blinds or curtains open during the day to take advantage of the sun's heat in the winter – especially windows that get direct sunlight. Close them at night to keep heat from escaping.**

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- ***We may get some sleet or freezing rain. If you must go outside, wear sturdy shoes with good traction. To help maintain balance, keep your hands out of your pockets, take slow, short, shuffling steps and keep your center of gravity over your feet.***
 - ***If you have car trouble during the storm, remain in your vehicle unless you can see a building close by where you know you can take shelter. Run the engine and heater for about 10 minutes each hour to keep warm. Make sure the exhaust pipe is clear of snow to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.***
 - ***It's best to stay at home during and immediately after a winter storm, but if you must go out be ready for the cold.***
 - ***Check local weather and traffic reports before heading out and keep supplies in your car. Tell others your route and anticipated arrival time. Keep an emergency kit in your car including blankets, food and water, first aid, and other items you may need if you are stranded.***
 - ***Dress properly. Dress in layers and cover as much skin as possible. Make sure to protect your ears, face, hands and feet. Boots should be waterproof and insulated. A hat will keep your entire body warmer.***
 - ***Watch for signs of frostbite and hypothermia. This can include numb, grayish-yellow or waxy skin, shivering, confusion, fumbling hands, slurred speech or drowsiness. Know how to treat these conditions.***
 - ***Be careful when shoveling snow. If you're shoveling snow, take breaks and work at a comfortable pace. Overexerting yourself could cause a heart attack.***

Winter Kit Suggestions:

- ***Rock salt or a pet-friendly chemical product to melt ice on walkways.***
- ***Sand or non-clumping kitty litter to improve traction.***
- ***Snow shovels and other snow removal equipment.***
- ***Adequate clothing and blankets to keep you warm. Include extra blankets for pets and service animals.***

**** Roads may be unpassable for a while. Make sure you have several days of water and non-perishable food for every member of your family and your pets.***



**IMPORTANT
ANNOUNCEMENT**

*No Trash Service on
Monday due to
Weather. If it is
suitable Tuesday, they
will be around.*

**WE WILL
KEEP YOU
POSTED**