



Red Paw Emergency Relief TeamSM

Our mission is to provide relief and recovery for displaced pets and their people 24/7, free of charge and to ensure that ALL family members are taken care of during and after a disaster in their home.

Call **267-289-2PAW** redpawemergencyreliefteam.org

Winter Safety Tips for Your Home & Pets

To Prepare for a Winter Storm, do the following:

- Purchase rock salt or more environmentally/pet safe products to melt ice on walkways.
- Have adequate clothing & blankets to keep warm.
- **Make a Family Communication Plan.** Your family may not be together when disaster strikes. Plan how you will contact one another, how you will get back together, and what you will do in case of an emergency.
- **Download FEMA's Be Smart.** Know Your Alerts and Warnings: Ready.gov/prepare. Free smart phone apps available from FEMA and the American Red Cross provide info about finding shelters, providing first aid, and seeking assistance for recovery.
- **Minimize travel plans.** If travel is necessary, keep a disaster supplies kit in your vehicle.
- **Bring pets/companion animals inside during winter weather.** Move other animals or livestock to sheltered areas with non-frozen drinking water.
- A NOAA Weather Radio broadcasts alerts & warnings directly from the NWS for all hazards. You may also sign up in advance to receive notifications from your local emergency services.

Update your Emergency Supply Kit!

- Water: 1 gallon per person per day for 3 days. Add water for pets too!
- Food: 3-day supply of non-perishable food for family & pets with can opener
- Battery powered or crank radio & batteries
- Flashlight & batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask, plastic sheeting & duct tape to shelter in place
- Moist towelettes & trash bags for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Local maps
- Cell phone & inverter or solar charger

During Winter Storms and Extreme Cold:

- **Stay indoors** during the storm. And bring your pets in as well! If you're cold, so are they!
- **Walk carefully** on snowy and icy walkways. Keep your dog's walks short.
- **Avoid overexertion when shoveling snow.** Overexertion can bring on a heart attack — a major cause of death in the winter. Use caution, take breaks, push the snow instead of lifting it when possible, and lift lighter loads.
- **Keep dry.** Change wet clothing frequently to prevent a loss of body heat. Wet clothing loses all of its insulating value and transmits heat rapidly.
- **Drive only if it is absolutely necessary.** If you must drive; travel in the day, don't travel alone, stay on main roads, and avoid back road shortcuts. Let someone know your destination, your route, and when you expect to arrive. If your car gets stuck along the way, help can be sent along your predetermined route.

After Winter Storms and Extreme Cold:

- If your home loses power or heat for more than a few hours or if you do not have adequate supplies to stay warm in your home overnight, go to a public shelter. Text SHELTER + your ZIP code to 43362 (4FEMA) to find the nearest shelter in your area (e.g., SHELTER20472).
- Bring personal items to spend the night (toiletries, medicines). Take precautions when traveling to the shelter. Dress warmly in layers, wear boots, mittens, and a hat. Do the same for your pets!
- Continue to protect yourself from frostbite and hypothermia by wearing warm, loose-fitting, lightweight clothing in several layers. Stay indoors, if possible.