

Winter Weather Awareness Day

(KLZA)-- Thursday is Winter Weather Awareness Day in Nebraska.

State and county emergency managers across the state are promoting preparedness for winter.

For anyone who has survived a Nebraska winter, it- easy to remember the issues heavy snowfall and extreme cold can cause. It- easy to understand the need for a winter preparedness plan for your family- safety.”

Despite dry conditions throughout the state for most of 2022, snow and ice are still likely this winter. Emergency managers want Nebraskans to be prepared for winter before it strikes.

Everyone is advised that prior to watches and warnings being issued, you should prepare for a winter storm that would enable you and your family to survive for up to 72 hours without any outside assistance. It- also a good idea to make a family emergency plan so your family knows what to do if a blizzard strikes.

Nebraska Emergency Management recommends assembling disaster supply kits for home and auto, which could include:

- **Flashlight with extra batteries**
- **Battery-operated NOAA Weather Radio or AM/FM radio**
- **First aid kit**
- **One-week supply of non-perishable food**
- **Nonelectric can opener**
- **Water (one gallon, per person, per day)**
- **One-week supply of essential prescription medications**
- **Extra blankets and sleeping bags**
- **Blankets or sleeping bag**
- **Extra sets of dry clothing**

- **A windshield scraper**
- **A shovel**
- **A container of sand**
- **Tire chains**
- **Battery booster ("jumper") cables**

As part of your emergency plan, determine that if your family cannot return home because of severe weather or closed roads, where you will meet to reunite. Consider asking an out-of-town relative or friend to be your family emergency contact.

You can view winter weather preparedness tips online at www.ready.gov/winter-weather.

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