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### Winter Emergency Preparedness Tips

**Wheat Ridge, CO** ~ With another Colorado winter upon us, the Wheat Ridge Police Department's Emergency Preparedness Office wants to stress the importance of being prepared for a winter storm whether you're on the road or at home. Please take some time to review your family's emergency preparedness with this Winter Preparedness Checklist. It will help you prepare your home and vehicle for winter weather hazards. Household emergency supplies should include enough food, water and supplies to last four days without power or help. Check your home emergency kit against this basic checklist.

- ✓ Food that doesn't require heating or refrigeration, such as canned meats, soups and stews, cereal, and energy bars
- ✓ Manual can opener
- ✓ Paper plates, cups and plastic utensils
- ✓ 1 gallon of water per person per day (allow enough for four days)
- ✓ Flashlights and batteries
- ✓ Battery-powered radio
- ✓ Battery-powered clock
- ✓ Cellular phone
- ✓ First-aid kit ([printable first-aid kit checklist](#))
- ✓ Four-day supply of prescription medicines
- ✓ Blanket and cold-weather clothing for each family member
- ✓ Pet food and additional water for household pets

Winter driving can mean coping with ice, snow and hazardous roads. Road conditions can change in an instant. Before traveling, give cars a winter preparedness exam.

- ✓ Check antifreeze
- ✓ Check and replace older batteries
- ✓ Remember to keep the gas tank near full to avoid freezing water in the fuel line
- ✓ Check tires and spare tire for proper inflation

Make sure automobiles contain the following emergency supplies to handle winter road hazards.

- ✓ Bag of sand, road salt or non-clumping cat litter. The bag's extra weight means better traction, and the contents can be spread under slipping tires.
- ✓ Ice scraper

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- ✓ Jumper cables
  - ✓ Small shovel (to dig snow away from wheels, or scatter sand on roadway)
  - ✓ Tire chains (every driver should practice putting them on)
  - ✓ Flares or reflective triangle to warn other motorists if you break down
  - ✓ Blanket
  - ✓ Flashlight and batteries
  - ✓ Gallon jug of drinking water
  - ✓ First aid kit

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