

8 STEPS

TO HELP PREPARE FOR SEVERE WINTER WEATHER

- 1 CHECK weather warnings and alerts**
- 2 FLU vaccine** - ensure you and your family have the vaccine if you are eligible.
- 3 BUY suitable equipment:**
 - ❄ A snow shovel, salt, sand or grit for de-icing cleared areas
 - ❄ Snow grips for your shoes, warm and waterproof high visibility clothing
- 4 SNOW clearance and de-icing treatment**
 - ❄ DO clear snow and ice early in the day and move it onto a grass verge or garden (not onto drains, paths or roads)
 - ❄ DO cover the cleared sections with salt or sand to stop it re-freezing overnight
 - ❄ DON'T use hot water to treat cleared areas
- 5 Buy heating oil in advance** and have an **independent temporary heating supply**, such as a portable gas powered fire, on standby. If you are worried about the cost of heating your home Horsham District Council may be able to help. Tel: 01403 215281
- 6 Food.** Make sure you have at least five days worth of food provisions at hand.
- 7 DRIVING in snow and ice**
 - ❄ Make sure your car is fit for winter and you know how to handle the conditions
 - ❄ Have a thermal blanket in the car, carry a fully charged mobile 'phone and some snacks/water
 - ❄ Always tell someone where you are going
- 8 COMMUNITY involvement and neighbourliness:**
 - ❄ Check on any elderly or disabled neighbours
 - ❄ Contact your local parish council to help out

Further information:

Weather alerts: <http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/>

Snow code: http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/nl1/newsroom/dg_191868

Driving tips: <http://www.weather.com/activities/driving/drivingsafety/drivingsafetytips/snow.html>



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