



Graham Fire & Rescue

WINTER STORM WARNING

When winter storms arrive, it's too late to prepare yourself. Generators are sold out, people are left without heat and water, and food runs short. Every year, people are caught unprepared for the worst. A major winter storm can last for several days, at times leaving you in your home, without utilities or other services.



With the many emergencies that occur during a storm, the fire department is unable to provide assistance or resources to assist with non-emergency needs. Here are some items you should consider NOW.

- ✓ Purchase equipment now that will be in high demand during a storm. Every year, generators and alternative lighting and heating appliances are in limited supply, and are sold out after the first day of a storm.
- ✓ Wrap pipes with insulation, insulate walls and attic.
- ✓ Caulk and weather-strip doors and windowsills to keep cold air out, allowing the inside temperature to stay warmer longer.
- ✓ Store alternative heating fuel. Regular fuel sources may be cut off. Be cautious of fire hazards when storing any type of fuel.
- ✓ Stock up on firewood for wood stoves and fireplaces.
- ✓ Install and check smoke alarms.