

**"DO NOTS" - FOR YOUR
AND OTHERS' SAFETY!**

- DO NOT: Shovel snow into City streets. This is a violation of city ordinances and poses a public safety hazard to both other drivers and public safety vehicles responding to calls.
- DO NOT: Use your stove as a heater. Your pilot light may go out in your sleep, filling your house with dangerous and explosive fumes. Kerosene and charcoal heaters are also prohibited indoors.
- DO NOT: Rely on only a computer or cell phone for information. The radio remains the best way to get emergency public information in a storm and it will outlast other multi-use battery devices.
- DO NOT: Drive on the roads unless absolutely necessary.



Remember:

Call 311 for normal, non-emergency/routine city services

Call 911 for life-threatening situations, and/or when public safety personnel are immediately required. Also call for fallen trees in public rights of way and to report gas leaks.

Call Duquesne Light to report a power outage or downed line at (412) 393-7100.



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**Winter Storms:
Be Prepared!**



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Winter Storms

Winter storms can have a devastating impact on a community and can come with little warning. However, by taking small yet significant steps, you can greatly improve the preparedness of yourself, your family and your community for a major winter event.



What Should I Do During a Declared Emergency?

During a major winter event, the Mayor may declare a state of emergency. City residents and visitors will be expected to adhere to all ordinances and policies to ensure the safety and well being of all involved. This includes:

- Staying Off Road Unless Emergency
- Using Posted Snow Emergency Routes for Travel
- Adhering to Parking Restrictions – NO Parking On Emergency Routes
- Operating Winterized Vehicles Only
(See “Before a Storm” for tips)

Before a Storm

- Listen to radio and television for winter storm forecasts and other information.
- Build a 72-Hour Kit and make sure to add winter-specific supplies such as blankets and extra heavy clothing.
- Make a family or business plan to address what to do during a severe winter weather event.
- Utilize an electric space heater to keep small areas warm. Be sure to keep it far enough away from flammable objects such as curtains and couches.
- Winterize your home. Insulate windows and drafty rooms, wrap pipes in cold areas. Repair leaks as well in the roofs or around doors and windows.
- Winterize your vehicle. Snow tires and/or chains are highly recommended, as is keeping a small shovel in the vehicle with sand and/or gravel for traction.
- Have rock salt and sand on hand to clear walkways around your house.



During A Storm

- Utilize a portable battery or hand-crank radio to stay updated on emergency information such as warming center location and hours.
- Eat regularly. Food and the calories in it are vital to maintaining heat.
- Watch for signs of frostbite and hypothermia: slurred speech, disorientation, uncontrollable shivering, stumbling, drowsiness and a body temperature of 95 degrees or less. Do not let someone who is experiencing these symptoms fall asleep!
- Maintain contact with family and friends and make sure that they are doing well.



What is a 72 Hour Kit?

It is a pre-assembled kit of water, food, medication, and emergency supplies that allows you to survive on your own for up to 3 days.

For more information and a brochure on preparing 72 Hour Kits, please visit: <http://www.pittsburghpa.gov/ema>