

**Update the emergency kit in your vehicle  
with:**

Sand or cat litter  
Shovel  
Windshield scraper  
Water  
Road or tow chain  
Emergency flares

Blankets  
Warm clothing  
Flashlight  
Non perishable food  
Jumper cables

**For More Information**

**Call**  
(804)646-2504

**Email**  
askemergencymanagement@richmondgov.com

**Website**  
<http://www.richmondgov.com/fireEmergencyManagement.aspx>

**Facebook**  
<https://www.facebook.com/RVAEmergencyManagement>

**Blog**  
<http://coreemergencymanagement.blogspot.com/>

**Additional Resources**

**Federal Emergency Management Ready**  
<http://www.ready.gov/winter-weather>

**National Weather Service Wakefield**  
<http://www.erh.noaa.gov/er/akq/>

**Virginia Department of Emergency Management**  
<http://www.vaemergency.gov/readyvirginia/stayinformed/winter>

# Winter Weather Preparedness Information and Tips



## City of Richmond Office of Emergency Management



## Before Winter Weather that Impacts the Area

Always pay attention to local forecast for potential severe winter weather. Understanding forecast terminology is the first step to being prepared.

**Winter Weather Advisory:** Significant winter storm or hazardous winter weather is occurring, imminent, and **is an inconvenience**.

**Winter Storm Watch:** Significant winter weather is **expected but not imminent** provides 12 to 36 hours notice of the possibility of winter weather.

**Winter Storm Warning:** Significant winter weather is occurring imminent or likely and **is a threat to life and property**.

**Blizzard Warning:** Dangerous winds that are at least 35 mph or greater, blowing snow that will frequently reduce visibility to 1/4 mile or less for at least three hours.

### Listen to local forecast

Tune into 97.3 WRIR for the most accurate and update warning from the City of Richmond Office of Emergency Management.

Have a battery operated or hand crank radio to be able to receive warnings and notification when the power is out.



## Tips to Prepare for Winter Weather

Before winter add the following supplies to your emergency kit:

- Extra blankets and winter clothing
- Snow shovel
- Rock salt or other products to melt ice

In addition remember to make sure you have sufficient heating fuel and have your chimneys and heating systems checked annually.

Remember to bring pets indoors.

Drive only if it is absolutely necessary.

Make sure your family communications plan is current, and that everyone is aware of how you will contact each other and how you will reunite.

Never use a generator, grill, camp stove, propane, natural gas or charcoal burning heating devices inside of your home, garage, basement or crawlspace. Make sure the heating device is located away from home doors and windows.

To prepare for any disaster, its important to take three simple steps:

- Get a kit
- Make a Plan
- Stay Informed

Visit: [www.richmondgov.com/fire/EmergencyManagement.aspx](http://www.richmondgov.com/fire/EmergencyManagement.aspx) for more information on preparing for all disasters or emergencies.