ARE YOU PREPARED FOR WINTER?

Predicting the weather is hard, but being prepared is easy. START PLANNING NOW FOR WINTER WEATHER.

KNOW YOUR TERMS

• **WINTER ADVISORY**: Issued when snow, blowing snow, ice, sleet or a combination of wintry elements is expected, but conditions should not be hazardous enough to merit a storm warning. Use caution when driving.

• **WINTER STORM WATCH**: Issued when indicators are favorable for a significant winter storm event — heavy sleet, heavy snow, ice storm, blowing snow or a combination of events.

• **WINTER STORM WARNING**: Issued for a significant winter weather event, including snow, ice, sleet, blowing snow or a combination of these hazards. Travel will become difficult or impossible in some situations. Delay your travel plans until conditions improve.

READINESS TIPS

• **MAKE A PLAN**. Know what to do before, during and after a winter storm.

• **SIGN UP FOR LOCAL ALERTS AND WARNINGS AND LISTEN TO LOCAL OFFICIALS**.

• **INCLUDE ENOUGH FOOD, WATER, MEDICATION AND ANYTHING USED DAILY IN YOUR HOME EMERGENCY KIT TO LAST FOR AT LEAST 72 HOURS**. See suggestions at www.ready.gov/kit.

• **STAY OFF THE ROAD DURING AND AFTER A WINTER STORM**.

• **HAVE A CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM IN PLACE, ESPECIALLY IF USING ALTERNATIVE HEATING DEVICES**.

• **WEAR SEVERAL LAYERS OF LOOSE-FITTING, LIGHTWEIGHT, WARM CLOTHING, RATHER THAN ONE LAYER OR HEAVY CLOTHING**.

• **KEEP DRY**! Change out of wet clothing to prevent a loss of body heat.

• **ALSO, MAKE SURE YOUR CAR IS STOCKED FOR AN EMERGENCY**: www.ready.gov/car.

• **KEEP WATER, NON-PERISHABLE FOOD AND AN EXTRA SET OF WARM CLOTHES IN THE CAR IN CASE YOU GET STRANDED**.