

Winter Weather Safety: Staying Warm and Safe at Home

Keep Warm

- Have extra heat sources available in case of a power outage (i.e., extra blankets, sleeping bags, and warm winter coats)
- Never use your stove or oven to heat your home.

Light Your Home Safely

- Use battery-powered flashlights or lanterns during outages.
- Never leave candles unattended.
- Solar sidewalk lights can be charged by placing them near windows and used as emergency light sources.

Conserve Heat

- Keep doors and windows closed. Close unused rooms.
- Block drafts with towels or rags.
- Close drapes or cover windows at night.

Protect Your Water Supply

- Let faucets drip during freezing weather.
- Keep indoor temperatures warm.
- Open sink cabinets to allow warm air to reach pipes.
- Contact SHA Maintenance if pipes freeze.
- Keep bottled water supply on hand

Eat Well

- Eat balanced meals.
- Avoid alcohol and caffeine.
- Drink warm beverages.

Communication

- Notify the office if you leave your residence during severe weather so we know you are safe.
- Check on your friends and neighbors often to ensure homes are properly heated.
- Contact 911 for a medical emergency. Do not wait for the weather to improve. First responders are prepared to respond to emergencies.