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Winter 2015-2016 Newsletter





Winter Weather Preparedness



Winter Is Coming... Are you ready? Or are you a John Snow, and know nothing?

Fortunately, you are not in Westeros, but take heed of this famous Game of Thrones quote and read on for some winter safety tips to protect you and

your loved ones.



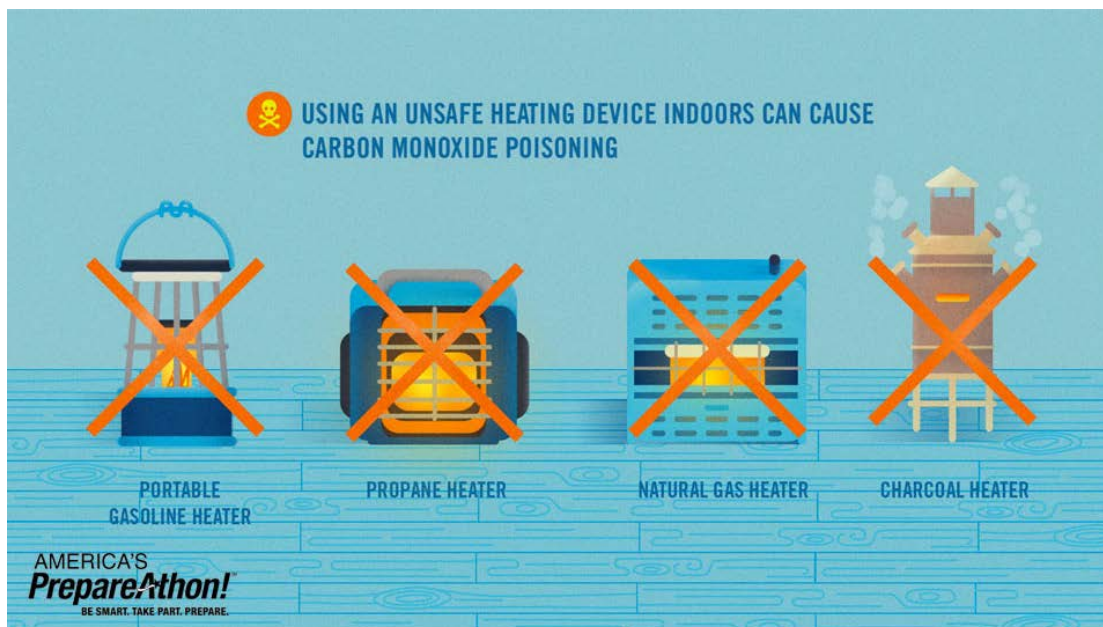
Prepare your car for cold weather.

Make sure your car has food, water, kitty litter, a shovel, flashlight, cellphone charger, and extra warm clothing.



Get your winter supplies together.

Gather your rock salt, shovel, and survival kit together in an accessible area in case of winter storm emergencies.



Stay warm, safely.

We know heating costs can be high, but it is never a good idea to use portable gas heaters, propane, natural gas, or charcoal heaters indoors as this can cause fatal carbon monoxide poisoning.

Red Cross Monster Guard App



A newly released version of the American Red Cross Monster Guard App: Prepare for Emergencies can help save lives through gaming. Children between the ages of 7 and 11 role play as different monster characters and earn points while learning how to be safe in home fires, hurricanes, floods, and other disasters.

Available on iOS and Android, you can text 'MONSTER' to 90999 and receive a direct link to download the app or go to redcross.org/monsterguard.

Ensuring the Public can Identify First Responders



New York State Emergency Management License Plates

In 2014 the Department of Motor Vehicles began issuing the first New York State Emergency Management license plates for vehicles registered to State agencies and political subdivisions such as counties, cities, towns, and villages. The new emergency license plates will help ensure that vehicles serving a critical role during emergencies have immediate access to affected locations and are granted prioritized access to critical resources such as emergency fuel supplies. The red plates carry a new emergency management indicator for easy identification.

NY-Alert



New Yorkers can sign up for NY-Alert to receive real-time emergency information via the web, cell phone, e-mail, or other technologies. The information posted at NY-Alert includes severe weather warnings, significant highway closures, hazardous materials spills, and other emergency condition notifications.

For more information or to sign up, visit www.nyalert.gov.

Building Resilient States: A Framework for Agencies

On October 22nd, **Smart Growth America** released **Building Resilient States: A Framework for Agencies**, a resource created to assist state agencies in incorporating land and transportation use into their conversations on resilience. Disaster preparedness professionals can use this framework to build communities that are more resilient from the ground up.

Smart Growth America hosted an **online conversation** about resilience efforts at the state level. The discussion included topics about new resources in disaster resilience, the best national practices, and how the states of Colorado, New York, North Carolina, and Vermont used these strategies.

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