



Athens County Board Of Developmental Disabilities wants everyone to have a safe winter

Are You Ready for a Winter Storm?

Would you know how to protect yourself, family from a severe winter storm that could consist of blizzard conditions, ice storms or prolonged sub-zero temperatures?

Know the Terms.

A winter storm watch means conditions exist for a severe winter storm to develop. A winter storm watch alerts the public to the potential for heavy snow, significant icing or a combination of these events. Winter storm watches are issued 12 to 48 hours before the beginning of a winter storm. Prepare for the weather event in case conditions worsen. Listen to a NOAA Weather Radio or local television or radio news station for up-to-date weather information.

A winter storm warning is issued by the National Weather Service when heavy snow or a combination of heavy accumulation of snow, freezing rain, heavy sleet or blowing and drifting snow is expected to occur in your area. Continue to listen to a NOAA Weather Radio or local television or radio news station for up-to-date weather information, including school and business delays/closures.

Make a kit. Ensure you have enough supplies for every member of your family to survive on for at least three days. Include winter-specific items such as rock salt to melt ice on walkways, sand to improve traction, snow shovels and other snow removal equipment. Include warm clothing, blankets, flashlights, new batteries, coats, hats, gloves a battery operated radio or hand crank radio, first aid kit, food and water for 3 days(one gallon of water per person per day). Don't forget to get things for your pets

Prepare for possible isolation in your home. If your main source of heat is a propane tank, ensure it has fuel before winter