



CITY OF UNION CITY Inclement Weather Tips

Gearing Up for Cold Weather



- Keep garage doors closed if there are water supply lines in the garage.
- Open kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing. Be sure to move any harmful cleaners and household chemicals out of the reach of children.
- When the weather is very cold outside, let the cold water drip from the faucet served by exposed pipes.
- Running water through pipes - even at a trickle - helps prevent pipes from freezing.
- Keep the thermostat set to the same temperature both during the day and at night. By temporarily suspending the use of lower nighttime temperatures, you may incur a higher heating bill, but you can prevent a much more costly repair job if pipes freeze and burst.
- If you will be going away during cold weather, leave the heat on in your home. Set the heat to a temperature no lower than 55°F.



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Car Emergency Kit

Put together a car emergency kit that contains:

- an ice scraper and a snow brush
- a bag of sand, salt, or cat litter (for traction if you get stuck in snow)
- emergency warning flares or triangles
- blankets
- gloves or mittens
- a flashlight and batteries
- a first-aid kit
- booster cables
- nonperishable snack foods
- a candle and matches
- a cup in case you need to melt snow for water



If you get stranded, stay with your vehicle and call for assistance. Run the heater occasionally to keep warm, but avoid carbon monoxide poisoning by making sure your tailpipe isn't stuffed or blocked with snow or other debris.