

Update the emergency kit in your vehicle with:

Sand or cat litter	Blankets
Shovel	Warm clothing
Windshield scraper	Flashlight
Water	Non perishable food
Road or tow chain	Jumper cables
Emergency flares	

For More Information

- ❄ Call Emergency Management at (804)646-2504
- ❄ Email askemergencymanagement@richmondgov.com
- ❄ Visit our website:
<http://www.richmondgov.com/fireEmergencyManagement.aspx>
- ❄ Connect with us on



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<https://www.facebook.com/RVAEmergencyManagement>



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Sign up for Code Red alerts at richmondgov.com

Additional Resources:

Federal Emergency Management Agency

<http://www.ready.gov/winter-weather>

National Weather Service Wakefield

<http://www.erh.noaa.gov/er/akq/>

Virginia Department of Emergency Management

<http://www.vaemergency.gov/readyvirginia/stayinformed/winter>



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Winter Weather Preparedness

Before Winter Weather Strikes...



Always pay attention to your local forecasts for potential severe winter weather. Understanding forecast terminology is the first step to being prepared.

Winter Storm Watch: Significant winter weather is **expected but not imminent**; provides 12 to 36 hours notice of the possibility of winter weather.

Winter Weather Advisory: Significant winter storm or hazardous winter weather is occurring or imminent and **will be an inconvenience**.

Winter Storm Warning: Significant winter weather is occurring, imminent, or likely, and **is a threat to life and property**.

Blizzard Warning: Dangerous winds that are at least 35 mph or greater, blowing snow that will frequently reduce visibility to 1/4 mile or less for at least three hours, and dangerous wind chills are expected.

Wind Chill Index: Takes into consideration the effects of wind and temperature on the human body. Not the actual temperature, but what it *feels* like to the average person.

Listen to the local weather forecast

Tune in to 97.3 WRIR for the most accurate and up-to-date warnings from the City of Richmond Office of Emergency Management.



Have a battery operated or hand crank radio to be able to receive warnings and notifications when the power is out.

Tips to Prepare for Winter Weather

- ❑ Before winter add the following supplies to your emergency kit:
 - ❑ Extra blankets and winter clothing
 - ❑ Snow shovel
 - ❑ Rock salt or other products to melt ice
- ❑ In addition, remember to make sure you have sufficient heating fuel and have your chimneys and heating systems checked annually.
- ❑ Remember to bring pets indoors.
- ❑ Drive only if it is absolutely necessary.
- ❑ Make sure your family communication plan is current, and that everyone is aware of how you will contact each other and how you will reunite.
- ❑ Never use a generator, grill, camp stove, propane, natural gas or charcoal burning heating devices inside your home, garage, basement or crawlspace. Make sure the heating device is located away from home doors and windows.
- ❑ To prepare for any disaster, it's important to take these simple steps:

- ❄ **Get a kit**
- ❄ **Make a Plan**
- ❄ **Stay Informed**


Don't forget medications & assistive technology devices

