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Winter Weather Already?

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It happens every year, but for some reason we're always surprised by the year's first major snowstorm. Here's a checklist to see if you're ready.

1. Get alerts. There are many weather alert apps available to notify you of real time weather alerts. The FEMA mobile app will provide alerts not only about weather, but also a multitude of other hazards. Keep a NOAA weather radio for when internet fails.
2. Build an emergency "stay-kit" with supplies for sheltering at home for three days without power. Include food, water, LED flashlights, batteries, matches and candles, radio, medications, pet supplies, etc.
3. Make an emergency kit for your car, with warm clothes, food, LED flashlight, cell phone charger, shovel, sand, and jumper cables.
4. Be aware of carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning when using alternative heat sources in your home or car. Install a CO monitor in your home, and know the flu-like symptoms of CO poisoning.
5. Visit www.ready.gov for more preparedness tips.
6. Check on your neighbors.
7. Consider becoming a snowbird.