

EXTREME COLD PREPAREDNESS & SAFETY

BE PREPARED

- CHECK THE WEATHER REPORT REGULARILY SO YOU KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT.
- HAVE EXTRA BLANKETS AND LOTS OF WARM CLOTHING AVAILABLE.
- HAVE A BACK-UP PLAN IF THE POWER GOES OUT (GENERATOR, WOOD HEAT).
- IF YOU DON'T HAVE A BACK-UP HEAT SOURCE, CONTACT SOMEONE YOU KNOW THAT DOES AND MAKE A PLAN IN CASE OF EMERGENCY.
- KNOW WHO TO CONTACT IN CASE OF EMERGENCY.
- CALL 911 FOR ANY SERIOUS EMERGENCY.

SPACE HEATER

- SPACE HEATERS CAN CAUSE HOUSE FIRES IF NOT USED PROPERLY.
- AVOID PLUGGING SPACE HEATER INTO EXTENTION CORDS IF POSSIBLE.
- DO NOT OVERLOAD ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS BY PLUGGING MULTIPLE HEATERS INTO THE SAME CIRCUIT.
- PLACE HEATERS AT A SAFE DISTANCE AWAY FROM ANY COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS.
- MAKE SURE HEATERS ARE STABLE AND WON'T FALL OVER.

WATER LINES

- HAVE HEAT TAPE INSTALLED ON WATER LINES GOING INTO YOUR HOUSE AND DRAINPIPES GOING OUT OF YOUR HOUSE BY A PROFESSIONAL CONTRACTOR.
- MAKE SURE YOUR WATER LINES AND DRAINPIPES ARE INSULATED FROM THE DIRECT COLD.
- ONLY LEAVE TAPS DRIPPING IF YOU ARE IN THE HOUSE OR KNOW THAT YOUR DRAINPIPES WON'T FREEZE. FROZEN DRAINPIPES CAN CAUSE OVERFLOW.
- HAVE A BACK-UP WATER SOURCE AVAILABLE IN CASE WATER LINES FREEZE