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Household Winter Storm Tips

- ✓ **Follow us on Social Media for Updates:** Follow the Lakeville Police on Facebook & Instagram. We will post informative updates.
- ✓ **Stay Connected:** Anytime there is a possibility of power outages, make sure your devices are fully charged in the event of an emergency.
- ✓ **Take Note of the Local Forecast:** The Lakeville Police encourage residents to take note of local forecasts and plan accordingly for adverse weather conditions.
- ✓ **Generators:** Never operate a generator inside your home or in any other enclosed - or even partially enclosed - area. Generators very quickly produce carbon monoxide, which can easily enter your home.
- ✓ **Shoveling:** Be careful when shoveling snow. Over-exertion can bring on a heart attack – a major cause of death in the winter.
- ✓ **CO:** Clear exhaust vents from Direct Vent Gas Furnace Systems to avoid Carbon Monoxide (CO) poisoning. Also, never run an automobile until the exhaust pipe has been cleared of snow.
- ✓ **Protect yourself:** Wear several layers of loose fitting, lightweight, warm clothing, rather than one layer of heavy clothing. The outer garments should be tightly woven and water repellent. Mittens are better than gloves. Wear a hat, as most body heat is lost through the top of the head. Cover your mouth with a scarf to protect your lungs.
- ✓ **Avoid parking in the roadway:** Keep all streets clear allowing Public Safety vehicles and plows to maneuver safely.
- ✓ **Power Loss:** If you lose your heat, seal off unused rooms by stuffing towels in the cracks under the doors. At night, cover windows with extra blankets or sheets. Food provides the body with energy for producing its own heat.
- ✓ **Outdoor Hazards:** Be extra cautious if you go outside to inspect for damage after a storm. Downed or hanging electrical wires can be hidden by snowdrifts, trees or debris, and could be live. Never attempt to touch or move downed lines. Keep children and pets away from them.
- ✓ **Wires:** Do not touch anything that power lines are touching, such as tree branches or fences. Call your utility company to report any outage-related problem.
- ✓ **Be a good neighbor:** Check with elderly or relatives and neighbors who may need assistance.