



HELLO Winter

WINTER WEATHER SAFETY

Be Prepared for the Cold

- Temperatures can drop quickly especially once the sun goes down.
- Dangers of Hypothermia and Frostbite rise the colder it becomes outside.
- Stay indoors when possible if you need to be out make sure to bundle up.
- If you need to find shelter during cold temperatures **call or text 211** to receive warming center locations and hours.

Winter Driving Safety Tips



- **Drive with Caution** road conditions can be dangerous. Keep space between yourself and the vehicle in front of you. Maintain a safe speed, avoid sudden braking and turning to avoid losing control of your vehicle.
- **Black Ice** can be hard to see on the road since it is a clear sheet of ice on the road.
- **An Emergency Kit** in your vehicle in case you were to get stranded. Included items such as a blanket, gloves, hat, snow shovel, kitty litter, snow shovel, flashlight, phone charger, water.
- **Is it necessary to be on the road** if there is bad weather. Being on the roads also could not be permitted due to the current snow level.

FIRST CALL
2-1-1

211 Text Service
Text your Zipcode to:
898211

Connect with a real person who can direct you to the resources you need.



Winter Storm Planning

A Few Days Out: Have emergency supplies for your home and car. Check all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Fill your gas tank and have fuel for generators.

The Day Before the Storm: Have multiple ways to monitor the storms and receive warnings. Be mindful of outdoor pets - have ample food and water, bring pets indoors if possible.

During and After the Storm: Check on neighbors and family. Properly ventilate emergency heat sources ensuring that generators are at least 20 feet from your home. When shoveling take it easy and do not strain yourself.



DO YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE IN SNOW LEVELS?

LEVEL 1: Roadways are hazardous with blowing and drifting snow. Roads are also icy. Drive with cautious.

LEVEL 2: Roadways are hazardous with blowing and drifting snow. Only those who feel it necessary to drive should be out on the roads. Contact your employer to see if you should report to work.

LEVEL 3: All roadways are closed to non-emergency personnel. No one should be out during these conditions unless it is absolutely necessary to travel.

Those traveling on the roads may subject themselves to arrest.



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Upcoming Events

Community Emergency Response Team Meetings

Open to the public every 2nd Thursday of the month. Learn valuable skills for personal safety in the event of a disaster.

- November 14th 6:30p-8:00p
- December 12th 6:30p-8:00p
- January 9th 6:30p-8:00p
- February 13th 6:30p-8:00p
- March 13th 6:30p-8:00p

How can I help??

Spontaneous volunteers can create added chaos to a disaster in an attempt to help.

Learn how you can contribute to your community or others impacted by disasters. Richland County CERT offers opportunities to learn the skills needed to be able to help. Use the QR code below to learn more



Local Emergency Planning Committee Update

The LEPC meets quarterly and is open to the public. Call for more details.

Tier II Reporting for chemical facilities is now open. Tier II reports must be submitted by **March 1st, 2025**.

To electronically submit download the Tier II submit software Send your.t2s file to LEPC and SERC.

Use the QR code to access the software.



Make sure you are getting Alerts

Winter weather can be unpredictable and change quickly. Stay up to date and receive emergency alerts through RC Alerts. Use the QR Code to sign up today

