

Getting Ready for Winter

10 things you should do now to prepare for winter

1. **Stay connected** - Consider a separate battery charging pack for your mobile phone to keep you connected in the event of a power cut. Store the power cut helpline number (105) on your mobile phone.
2. **Cold weather** – Ensure your heating is serviced before the cold weather arrives. Keep your home heated to at least 18°C. Keep your windows closed at night to avoid heat loss.
3. **Adverse weather** - Beware the dangers of strong winds or flooding e.g. falling trees, guttering and roof tiles. Secure garden furniture, fences, children's toys and trampolines.
4. **Insulate pipes** – Retains heat, reduces risk of frozen pipes and subsequent bursts. Ensure that your mains water stopcock is working.
5. **Travel** – Check local news for the condition of both roads and the rail network before venturing out.
6. **Grab Bag** – Keep a 'grab bag' ready at home containing bottled water, medicines, a torch, radio and batteries, copies of important documents and a change of clothes.
7. **Check your car** – Regularly check your tyres and screen wash and take your Grab Bag with you.
8. **Think about others** - Help your neighbours, friends, or relatives , or they may be able to help you.
9. **Health matters** – Consider annual vaccinations for flu and maintain a good supply of regular medication.
10. **Community** - Help your community, particularly if severe weather hits. Ask a Parish Councillor about getting involved.

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