

EXTREME COLD

PREPAREDNESS TIPS FOR HOME

Extreme cold weather can be hard on both you and your home. Here are some tips to put into practice when freezing weather, snow and ice hit Akwesasne.

INSIDE:

- Open kitchen and bathroom sink cabinets to allow warmer air to circulate to allow warmer air to circulate around plumbing.
- Check that the elderly, infants and those with access and functional needs are in safety and adequately heated dwellings.
- Leave the heat set on at least 55 degrees while away.
- Never use a stove/oven or grill to heat your home.
- Place space heaters on level, hard surfaces at least 3 feet from anything flammable.
- Install and test Carbon Monoxide detectors.
- Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from any heat source like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators or space heaters.
- Plug only 1 heat producing appliance (such as a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.



OUTSIDE:

- Insulate water supply lines that run through unheated areas.
- Caulk cracks and holes in outside walls and foundation near pipes.
- Make sure that all exterior windows and doors are air tight.
- Know where and how to shut off the main water supply.
- Make sure you have sufficient heating fuel in extreme cold temperatures.
- Keep portable generators outside, away from windows and as far away as possible from your home.
- Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents once a year.
- Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container and keep it outside at least 10 feet from your home and nearby buildings.

