

# WINTER WEATHER SAFETY

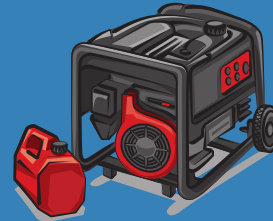
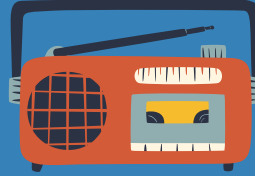
**Prepare yourself and your family:**



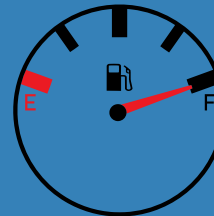
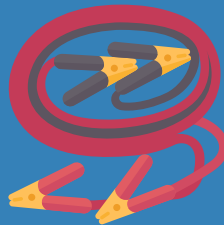
**Prepare your home:**



**Prepare for a power outage:**



**Prepare your vehicle:**



## **Avoid Carbon Monoxide:**

Carbon monoxide (CO) is an odorless, colorless gas that is poisonous to breathe. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel are potential sources of CO. Vehicles or generators running in an attached garage can also produce dangerous levels CO. Always operate all gasoline-powered devices such as generators and heaters outdoors and never bring them inside. You can find CO detectors at your local hardware store or online.

**Contact our Emergency Management Coordinator, Bryce Davis, at 817-222-7145 with any questions.**

# AVOID WATER DAMAGE

**Prolonged periods of below freezing temps can cause damage to your water pipes.**

Follow these steps to help avoid damage:

1. Cover or insulate exposed pipes, including those underneath raised homes and disconnect water hoses for the outside faucet.



2. Keep one or two faucets running slowly. Water moving through the system should prevent the line from freezing.
3. If your kitchen sink is on an outside wall (as it usually is), be sure to leave cabinet doors open to allow warm air into the cabinet.

## Are your pipes frozen?

Follow these steps to help avoid damage:

1. Shut off the main water to your home. This is typically found near the street in a compartment with "water meter" on the lid. You can use a water key, pliers, an adjustable wrench, or channel locks.



2. Open all of your faucets to reduce pressure on the pipes.
3. Contact a professional plumber to inspect your system and make any necessary repairs.



# EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION PLAN

**Discuss with your household how you will communicate if there is an emergency.**

## **Household Information**

Write down phone numbers and email addresses for everyone in your household. This will help you reconnect with others in case you don't have your phone or computer, or your battery runs low.

## **Out-of-Town Contact**

Identify someone outside of your community or State who can act as a central point of contact to help your household reconnect. In a disaster it may be easier to make a long-distance phone call than to call across town if phone lines are jammed.

## **Emergency Meeting Places**

Decide on safe, familiar places where your family can go for protection or to reunite. Make sure these locations are accessible for everyone in your household and pet-friendly if needed.

## **Emergency Alerts and Warnings**

Haltom City has a mass notification system to disseminate emergency notifications and alerts. Sign up by going to [hctx.gov/emergency-notifications](http://hctx.gov/emergency-notifications).

NOAA Weather Radios broadcast continuous weather information from the nearest National Weather Service office.

- Local frequencies- 162.550 MHz and 162.400 MHz
- FIPS code- 048439