

Public Service Announcement:

WINTER WEATHER PREPAREDNESS

Winter Power Outage: Winter storms can bring freezing temperatures and dangerous driving conditions, and they can also cause conditions that may result in downed trees or power lines causing power outages.

Before the power goes out:

- Build or restock your emergency preparedness kit, including a flashlight with good batteries, extra batteries, water, food, prescription medications (and a list of prescriptions in case you need to go to a shelter), cash, first aid supplies, and extra clothing and/or blankets to stay warm.
- Make sure you have alternative charging methods for your phone or any device requiring power.
- If you rely on any battery operated medical device or power dependent device, have extra batteries or a backup plan ready to use. Extra batteries for home smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are also a good idea.
- Know where the manual release lever of your electric garage door is located and how to operate it.
- Keep your car's gas tank full. (Gas station pumps operate using electricity).
- If your plan is to use your car to recharge electric devices, do NOT keep the car running in your garage or close to your home. Carbon monoxide is produced by the car engine and can enter your home.
- Be prepared to close off unused rooms to consolidate and retain heat.
- If the power is predicted to be off for a long period of time, plan to go to another location (friends or family member's home, or a shelter) that has heat to keep warm.
- Only use generators outside and away from your home. NEVER run a generator inside a home or garage, and never try to connect a generator to your home electrical system unless the system has been constructed to accept alternate power.
- Listen for condition updates from the National Weather Service and/or Emergency Management on Bradford County CodeRed system or local news broadcasts.