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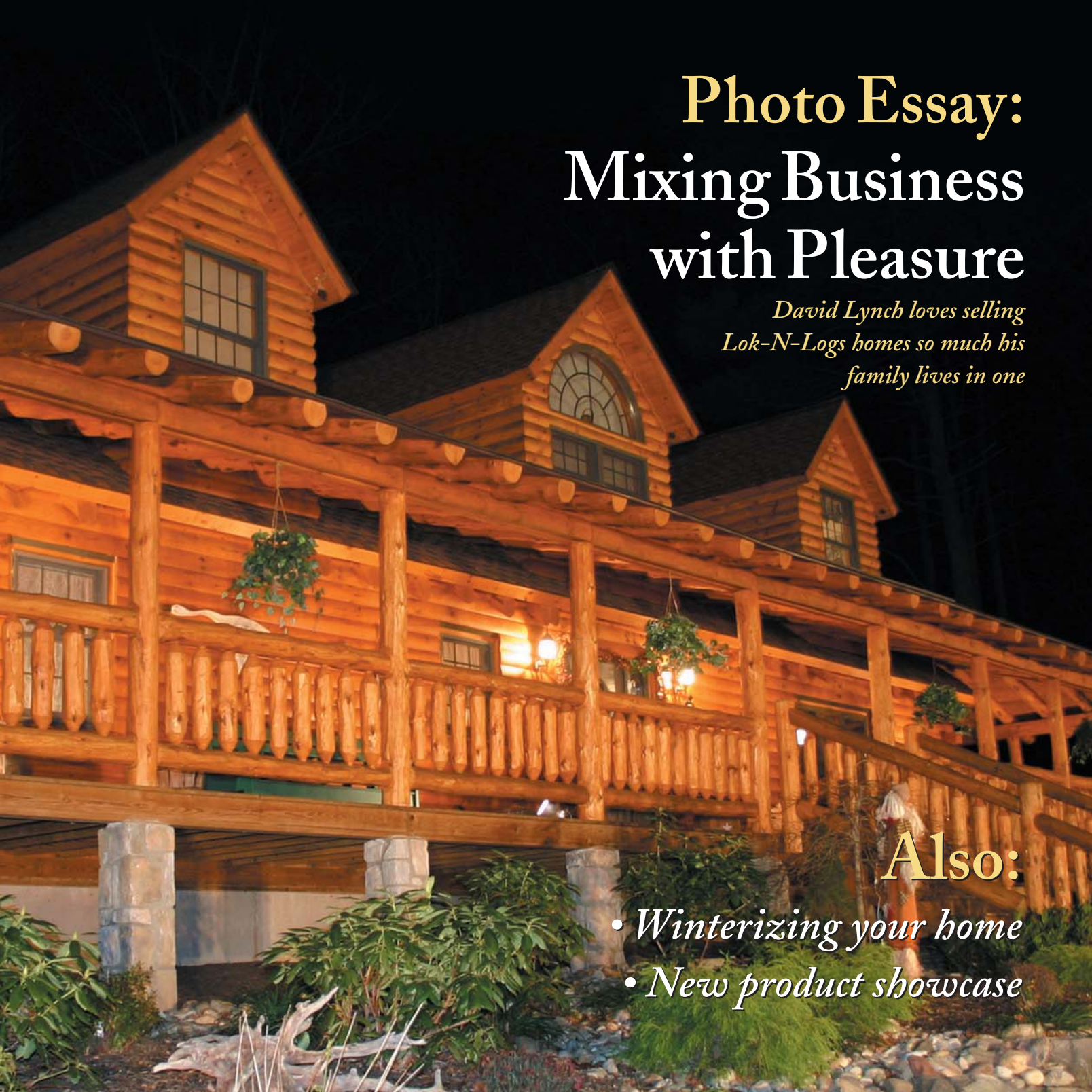
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Also:

- *Winterizing your home*
- *New product showcase*



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Dear Friends,

We would like to thank all of the Lok-N-Logs dealers who attended our annual dealers conference in November. It is always good to see everyone and catch up on business and personal interests with our business partners and friends. 2003 marks the 25th anniversary of our conference. To mark this occasion, in this issue, we are featuring two of our dealers.

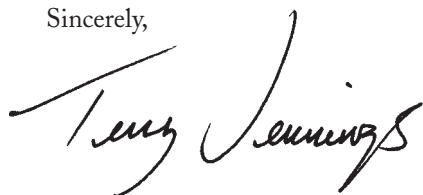
Fred and Sue Fracke have been working with Lok-N-Logs since 1979. Their dealership, Sugarloaf Mountain Log Homes, sold and built over 350 homes during the last 27 years. It is a great pleasure to get to know a couple who have grown together so successfully.

Dave and Michelle Lynch are also featured in this issue. Dave has been building log homes for 20 years and Lok-N-Logs was happy to welcome him into its family of dealers in 1999. Dave's dealership, Stoney Ridge Log Homes, has become increasingly busy every year. I would like to thank Dave and Michelle for sharing their home with us.

This is our final issue for 2003. The first issue of Rustic Homes in 2004 will be shipping next March. If you have any ideas for future features please call me at (800) 343-8928 or email tjennings@loknlogs.com. You can also keep up to date with current Lok-N-Logs news and events by visiting our website, www.loknlogs.com.

Wishing you all happiness, health, and peace for the New Year!

Sincerely,



Terry Jennings
Director of Marketing & Advertising

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Night view of the Custom Cape model log home by Lok-N-Logs.
(Photo by David Lynch Jr.)

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My name is David Lynch and I am an authorized log home dealer for Lok-N-Logs and also an independent log home builder. A photo of me and my family appears on the next page.

Our log building and restoration company name is Stoney Ridge Log Homes. We are based in northeast Pennsylvania and travel throughout the United States.

We've been in the log business for more than 20 years and have had the pleasure of working

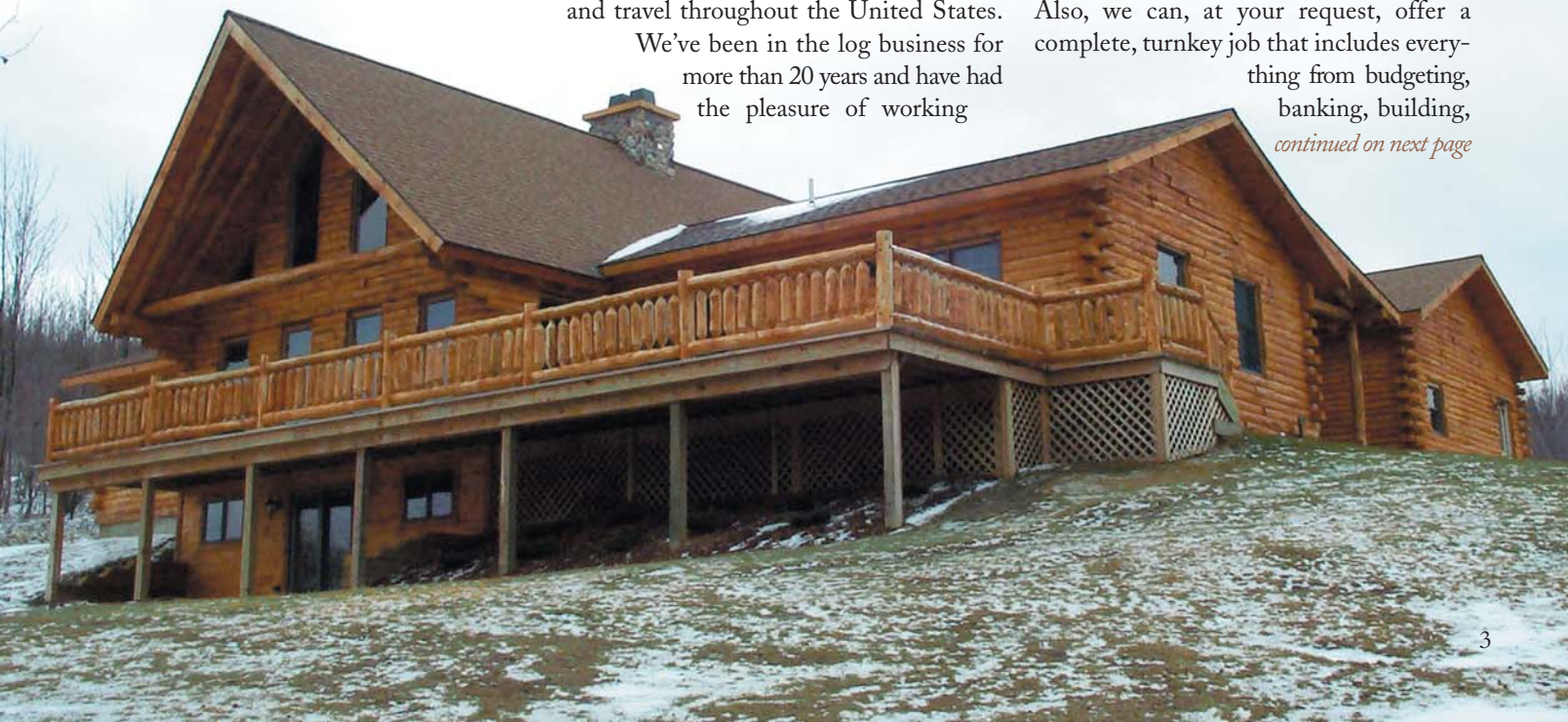
with many of the companies in the log industry. We have trained and certified our staff in "zero failure" log maintenance product programs to insure that your home will continue to look as beautiful as it did the day it was built.

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thing from budgeting,
banking, building,

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We've been pleased to offer a "cure for cabin fever" to thousands of log home lovers.



The Lynch clan.
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and the keys to your personal cure for cabin fever. Whatever your choices are, you can be guaranteed that Lok-N-Logs and Stoney Ridge Log Homes will work very hard for you.

Stoney Ridge Log Homes works year-round and can provide you with tours of several different homes in various stages of construction. We have two models on our site in Kintnersville, PA for your viewing by appointment.

The first of our models is similar to the Lok-N-Logs Sonoma model. It is a cape-style home with wraparound porch. This furnished model displays three different log styles throughout, featuring five bedrooms, a large kitchen, a dining room, and a great room.

The second model is a Lok-N-Logs sportsman's Stillwater cabin built with hand-hewn style logs. In addition, our home office has several models throughout the United States.

We would be happy to discuss any further questions you may have in person or over the phone. Please don't hesitate to call upon us. ■



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Product Showcase

Available from I Wood Care

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The Kernel Corn Cob Blaster is a new stain removal tool for the log home industry. It works under the same principle as a sand blaster, but uses ground-up corncobs instead of sand because sand is too aggressive for wood. The Kernel features a custom fan nozzle, for an even and wide stroke. It also features a regulator to protect against pressure overload and a precision pinch valve for fine flow of the corncob material.



Grit-O-Cob

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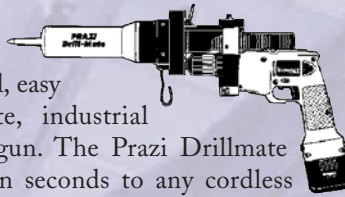
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Pleasurable Business

Entrance foyer



Master bedroom



David Lynch loves selling Lok-N-Logs homes so much he and his family live in one.

David and Michelle Lynch live a lifestyle that gives a whole new meaning to the term “home office.”

David owns and manages Stoney Ridge Log Homes outside Allentown, PA. Until about three years ago, the Lynches and their two sons lived in a traditional home. But David and Michelle decided they love log homes so much they wanted one of their own. Now they live in one of the Custom Cape models sold by Lok-N-Logs. And they adore how their new home allows them to mix business with pleasure when entertaining houseguests.

“We’ve always wanted a log home,” Michelle says. “I’ve had a picture of a favorite log home since I was in high school.” David feels the same way. He’s been building log homes for 23 years and long has been in love with them. “I really, really enjoy doing this!” he exclaims.

Apparently, visitors feel the same way. “We’ve had as many as 1,000 people come through the house in one day,” David says, “and they basically said they loved it and wanted one just like it.”

David worked for years with the late, long-time Lok-N-Logs dealer Harry Moyer before opening his own business in 1999. He’s built literally hundreds of log homes, most of them by Lok-N-Logs.

“I’ve built quite a few others,” he says, “but Lok-N-Logs is the best so that’s why I chose it for my own home.” As he points out, “We sell them, we build them, and we live in them. That’s one of the key points with my customers.”

This fall, David’s company is building seven Lok-N-Logs homes. In spite of uncooperative weather, his crews of seven or eight men per house are on schedule. “We pride ourselves at being on or ahead of schedule on the houses we build,” he says. “We know that’s important to our customers.”

In love with their custom cape

The Lynch house rambles over 6,000 square feet on three floors. It features three different log styles: shaped logs on the outside, flat logs on the majority of the inside, and peeled style logs in the great room.

The main entrance to the 2,400 square-foot first level opens on a foyer measuring 10 feet by 15 feet that leads to a dining room measuring 15 feet by 28 feet. Up to 26 family members can gather there for meals. And, there’s plenty of room in the 15 by 22 kitchen to prepare those large meals. “The first floor is excellent for entertaining,” David notes. Before and after meals, the extended

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By John Quiggle



Dining room



Great room



Master bath

Second floor bath



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Lynch family and friends gather in an airy 18 by 24 great room topped with a cathedral ceiling.

On the first floor is the open master bedroom, stretching the full 30-foot depth of the house on the left side and running 24 feet wide. The master bathroom — one of five in the house — includes a whirlpool/Jacuzzi combination and a sit-down shower that David says is a really hot item. “That’s got to be the most popular feature of bathrooms now,” he notes.

There are four other bedrooms on the 1,700-square-foot second level. There are laundry rooms on both the second floor and the lower level where David has a home office and the family and guests

Kitchen



enjoy a 30 by 15 game room. That level also features a workshop for Michelle’s craftwork and a combination laundry and workout room.

Another distinctive feature of the Lynch home is the eight-foot-wide covered porch featuring peeled style log rafters, spindles, and railings. The porch extends around three sides of the house, running a total of 160 feet. Still under construction on the back of the house is a 76 by 15 deck.

The house has plenty of space for their sons, ages 15 and six, to roam. There’s also room for three dogs, three cats inside the house, three cats outside, a bird, and fish.

Sit-down shower in master bath



Living in Nature

Log homes are so different from the traditional that you might wonder what it’s like to live in one.

“I just love the atmosphere,” Michelle says. “It’s sort of like living in the country, right inside your house. It’s very cozy.” Close to nature, you might say. Family and friends who visit tell Michelle they get a real “at home” feeling there. The joy she takes in her home is obvious as she talks about it.

David Lynch is just as enthusiastic. “I’m just very relaxed in a log home,” he says with deep satisfaction. “It’s very warm and cozy and inviting.”

In describing her experiences living in a log home, Michelle says, “You notice something different every day. It’s not like looking at flat walls day after day and not really seeing them.”

Part of the whole experience is the aroma the logs give off. “A lot of people who visit say they just love the smell of a log home,” Michelle notes.

Another feature she loves about her Lok-N-Logs home is the decorating potential. “It’s the most awesome feeling to decorate this house!” exclaims Michelle, who’s recently become interested in antiques. “There are so many ways to decorate, and I find something new every year.”

For instance, Michelle has found a new use for old ladders. “I just lean them up against a wall and decorate them with ivy or other flowers,” she explains. The porch is decorated with a number of wood boxes that Michelle filled with pine cones. “You’d be surprised at how well they just fit in with the house,” she notes.

It’s clear the Lynches are sold on log homes and particularly on their Custom Cape. Their enthusiasm for this style of living has no doubt infected a number of families now living in their own Lok-N-Log homes. ■

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Winterizing your log home

By Terry Jennings

It is time to think about winterizing your log home. If your house is located in some of our northern states you may have already seen some snow by now. We noticed a few flakes in the air during the first week of October in Sherburne.

Preparing for the colder weather, December through March — here in the Northeast September through May — there are some tips you should follow.

Check around doors and windows

- Add or replace worn weather stripping around doors and windows.
- Check the exterior caulk seals where your window trim meets the log wall. (Note: If you have a draft around a window or door it is always best to caulk the exterior and not the interior.)
- Check and winterize your basement windows.

Check for other leaks

- Other potential weather leaks can be found where pipes, electrical wires, and media cables enter your log wall, sub floor, or exposed basement. These can be sealed with weather stripping or caulk.

Inspect roofing

- Roofing cement can be used to seal

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- Log buildings and additions



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cracked and torn shingles and to reattach curled shingles. Galvanized nails can be used to hold the curled shingles in place. Make sure to cover the nail heads with roofing cement.

- Replace any shingle that is beyond repair. If you have asphalt shingles it is better to do this on a warm day. Roofing cement can also be used to help tack these repairs down.
- Clean drain gutters and point down spouts away from house.
- Make sure the chimney and vent pipe flashings are watertight.
- Trim any tree limbs that touch the roof.

External plumbing

- Drain any external plumbing that runs through unheated areas including garages, unheated porches, and crawl spaces. If draining is not possible you may need to install heat tape.
- Cover exposed spigots with foam covers if you are unable to drain and shut them off inside the house.
- Drain and store your garden hoses and sprinkler equipment.

Lawn and deck

- Sweep all leaves from your deck. Leaves left on the deck over the winter may leave stains. Give the deck a final coat of sealer if the weather permits.
- Seal any cracks in the foundation.
- Empty and store planters. Store or cover outdoor furniture. Even furniture designed for outdoors will last longer

if protected from the weather.

- Cut back any bushes or weeds that contact your house. This task will eliminate a common access point for insects, rodents, and mold. It will also keep branches and shrubs from scraping the house during storms.

Heating systems

- Routine inspection by a heating professional is always a good idea when winter is coming.
- Clean or vacuum dust from vents or away from heating elements.
- Replace or clean furnace filters once a month.
- Have propane or oil tanks filled.
- Check your fireplace or wood stove chimney. Clean or hire a professional chimney sweep if needed. Improper cleaning of your woodstove or fireplace chimney can lead to a build up of creosote. Creosote is a hard, dark, and crust like flammable substance produced during the incomplete combustion of wood. An accumulation of creosote can cause a dangerous chimney fire, so it must be removed.

Close seasonal air conditioners

- Seasonal air conditioners should be closed down. Switch off power and make sure the condensation drain is clear. Clean condenser coils and filters.
- Remove or cover any window units to protect your home from drafts.

Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors

- Change batteries and test smoke detectors.
- Carbon monoxide detectors are a good idea if you heat your home with wood or gas. The devices look like smoke detectors, but detect carbon monoxide gas. Units that plug into outlets are also available.

These are just a few tips to get your home ready for winter. Check your snow blower and make sure it starts. Have a shovel and rock salt (or other snow melting chemicals) available. Normal emergency supplies like flashlights and batteries, bottled water, non-perishable foods, matches or lighters, extra firewood or fuel for your generator, and a kerosene heater (with carbon monoxide monitoring strips) are all a good idea to help you through a sudden storm. ■



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