

HOW TO PREPARE FOR A WINTER STORM

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Mother Nature's snow spectacular hit our area hard in the winter of 2013/2014 and although we do not expect such a severe weather as last year, some predict over 40" of snow fall for 2014/2015 winter.

Having a few emergency supplies on hand can save you tremendous amount of discomfort and trouble when a snowstorm arrives.

- Shovel: Even if you live in the apartment building, you should own a shovel as you may need to dig your car out after the sanitation plows you in.
- Flashlights & Batteries: Make sure you have them both and they work.
- Non-perishable food: Stock up on canned food such as soups and vegetables, rice and pasta. Make sure you have enough to last for several days and do not forget that can opener.
- Bottled water: Make sure you have a few gallons of jugs on hand.
- Blankets & Warm Clothing: Such as mittens, wool socks etc. which you may already have on hand but keep in mind that building heating system may fail and getting an emergency crew out during a heavy snow storm may be a challenge.
- Battery Operated Radio: Keep yourself updated with the news. Make sure your batteries are fresh.
- Prescription Medications: Always wise to have enough to last several days.
- First Aid Kit: Emergencies may happen that may require immediate in home care with bandages, disinfectant, antibiotic ointment, and pain killers.
- Cell phone: Make sure it is fully charged before the storm. It is a very good idea to have a fully charged portable cell phone charger.
- Other vital items for your home to have such as diapers, formula and pet food.
- Car: Make sure it is fully gassed and ready to go.
- Withdraw Cash from your ATM in case power goes out.
- Avoid elevators if possible.
- During emergency, please exit building via staircase.
- If the weather calls for high winds and your apartment include a balcony, please remove small items and secure large items.
- Keep all doors and windows locked and stay away from glass.
- Be neighborly and help those in need and check on any elderly neighbors who are alone.
- The buildings will be fully staffed during snow emergencies and have all necessary measures in place to secure all common areas to be prepared for any response.
- Please be reminded that Goodman Management is available 24/7 through our 24 hour hot line at 718-796-5022.

****The stressed out snowman was acting flakey...that was until he had a melt down and finally was indicted for having a slush fund****

