Cold Weather/Ice Storm Checklist

Pump House

* Turn on heat lamps (2) inside pump house
* Keep lock on pump house unlocked to prevent it freezing shut if winds are not forecasted to be strong.
* If winds are expected to be strong, keep pump house locked. Have propane torch on hand to thaw lock.
* Keep keys to pump house inside.

Rainwater tank

* Completely drain flush system
* Place blankets over exposed cut off valve at base of water tank

Water purification room

* Cut off hose bib valve
* Leave light on in room
* Place thermometer in room to monitor temp

Hose Bibs

* Drain hose bibs after cutting off valve in water purification room

Vehicles

* Gas up all cars
* Rain X car windows if practical

Generator

* Exercise generator prior to temperature drop. Exercise for 10 minutes every 6-8 hours during extreme cold temperature periods.

Plants

* Bring plants inside

Alternative Lighting

* If power outage possible, check charges on GoalZero lanterns.

Propane tank

* Monitor propane level. Consider calling for top off.

Groceries

* Top off as needed

Chainsaw

* Check spare fuel supply
* Start engine
* Check chain
* Check fuel
* Check oil
* Store in water purification room during cold weather to keep it warm

Hot Water Heaters

* During extreme cold temperatures, open up one hot water fixture on each side of the house. Run (not drip) a steady stream of water from a fixture inside the house to keep it circulating. The water inside the heater itself does circulate but it has to continue to draw water in from that supply line.
* Wrap up water supply line (lines with the blue valve) on the bottom of each water heater with a blanket. Cover blanket with plastic sheeting if rain or ice is expected.

Driveway

* Pre-treat driveway with ice melt

Patio Furniture

* If high winds are predicted, secure furniture