

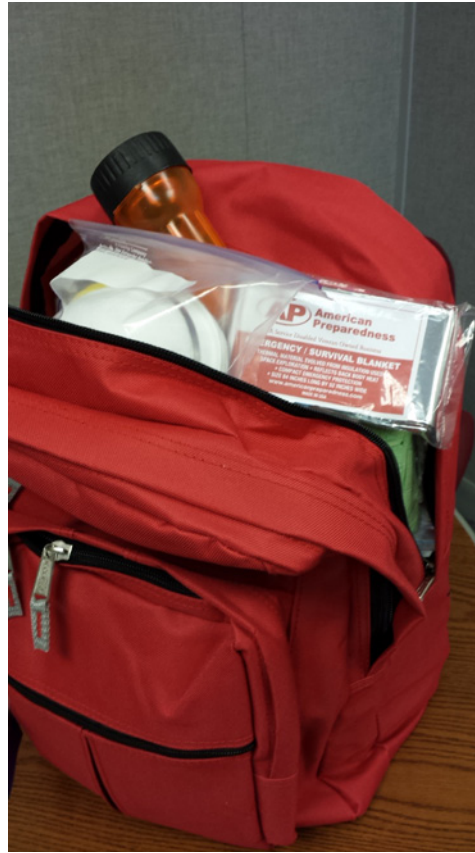
Get ready for winter

Now's the time to prepare before the rivers rise, the winds blow and the snow flies! If the power does go out, call 877-783-8123 anytime - 24/7 - to reach Chelan PUD.

Take these three steps to make sure your family is ready for whatever winter sends our way.

1. Create an emergency preparedness kit with at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food and water for your home and office. Kits for vehicle road travel and winter weather evacuation, "go-kits" are also advised. Stock them with:

- 3- day supply of water & non-perishable foods (no heat/cooking required) for everyone in the household, including pets
- Hand-crank or battery-powered flashlight plus extra batteries
- Hand-crank or battery-powered clock & radio
- Blankets (mylar, sleeping bag, other)
- Hand can opener & utility knife
- Whistle
- First-aid kit
- Warm hat, gloves & socks
- Cash – ATM machines need power, too
- Prescription medications
- Personal care products (soap, toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)
- Moist towelettes, plastic/garbage bags & ties
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities at main switch (electricity, water, gas)



Expand your kit by adding:

- Duct tape & dust mask
- Change of clothing, including sturdy shoes & warm coat
- Pet collar, leash or carrier
- Local maps
- Waterproof matches
- Entertainment (deck of cards, puzzles, dominoes, etc.)

2. Make a plan and practice the plan with your family and those who depend on you.

- Set a place to meet outside in case anyone gets separated from the group. Remember to include responsibility for family pets
- Make a list with phone numbers/email addresses for family, friends, medical and financial contacts and keep in your emergency kits
- Scout and map evacuation routes from your home and office – at least two
- Have an out-of-area contact person who can let others know you are ok

3. Stay informed on what weather is approaching so you are prepared for whatever Mother Nature throws our way.

- Research and bookmark online weather websites including the National Weather Service and local and regional radio and TV stations
- Sign up for weather alerts
- Purchase a portable emergency weather radio and learn how to use it. Be sure to keep extra batteries handy



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