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