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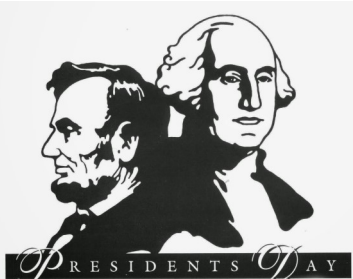
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Our Office will be closed to observe President's Day, Monday, February 15, 2016.



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Winter Storms & Extreme Cold

While the danger from winter weather varies across the country, nearly all Americans, regardless of where they live, are likely to face some type of severe winter weather at some point in their lives. Winter storms can range from a moderate snow over a few hours to a blizzard with blinding, wind-driven snow that lasts for several days. Many winter storms are accompanied by dangerously low temperatures and sometimes by strong winds, icing, sleet and freezing rain.

One of the primary concerns is the winter weather's ability to knock out heat, power and communications services to your

home or office, sometimes for days at a time. Heavy snowfall and extreme cold can immobilize an entire region.

The National Weather Service refers to winter storms as the "Deceptive Killers" because most deaths are indirectly related to the storm. Instead, people die in traffic accidents on icy roads and of hypothermia from prolonged exposure to cold. It is important to be prepared for winter weather before it strikes. Winterize Your Vehicle

Check or have a mechanic check the following items on your car:

- Antifreeze levels -

ensure they are sufficient to avoid freezing.

- **Battery and ignition system** - should be in top condition and battery terminals should be clean.

- **Brakes** - check for wear and fluid levels.

- **Exhaust system** - check for leaks and crimped pipes and repair or replace as necessary. Carbon monoxide is deadly and usually gives no warning.

- **Fuel and air filters** - replace and keep water out of the system by using additives and maintaining a full tank of gas. A full tank will keep the fuel line from freezing.

Water-Related Hazards

Water-related hazards form a subset of natural hazards; the most significant ones include floods, mudslides, storms and related ocean storm surge, heat waves, cold spells, droughts and waterborne diseases.

Most disasters are caused by a combination

of hazards, some related to water and other of geological and biological origin. Such events include those triggered by earthquakes, such as tsunamis, landslides that dam rivers, breakage of levees and dams, as well as glacier lake outbursts, coastal

flooding associated with abnormal or rising sea levels, and epidemics and pest outbreaks associated with too little or too much water.

Water-related hazards account for 90% of all natural hazards, and their frequency and intensity is generally

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- **Heater and defroster** - ensure they work properly.
- **Lights and flashing hazard lights** - check for serviceability.
- **Oil** - check for level and weight. Heavier oils congeal more at low temperatures and do not lubricate as well.
- **Thermostat** - ensure it works properly.
- **Windshield wiper equipment** - repair any problems and maintain proper washer fluid level.

Install good winter tires - Make sure the tires have ade-

Winter Storms & Extreme Colds cont.

quate tread. All-weather radials are usually adequate for most winter conditions. However, some jurisdictions require that to drive on their roads, vehicles must be equipped with chains or snow tires with studs.

Winterize Your Home

- Winterize your home to extend the life of your fuel supply by insulating walls and attics, caulking and weather-stripping doors and windows, and installing storm windows or covering windows with plastic.

- Winterize your house, barn, shed or any other structure that may provide shelter for your family, neighbors, livestock or equipment. Clear rain gutters; repair roof leaks and cut away tree branches that could fall on a house or other structure during a storm.

- Maintain heating equipment and chimneys by having them cleaned and inspected every year.
- Insulate pipes with insulation or newspapers and plastic and allow faucets to drip a little during cold weather to avoid

freezing. Running water, even at a trickle, helps prevent pipes from freezing.

- All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside and kept clear.
- Keep fire extinguishers on hand, and make sure everyone in your house knows how to use them. House fires pose an additional risk, as more people turn to alternate heating sources without taking the necessary safety precautions.

In any event.. Please be safe and cautious during these cold winter months.

If you have a water emergency after-hours, weekends or on holidays, please call us at 870.633.1571

Water-Related Hazards cont.

rising. Some 373 natural disasters killed over 296,800 people in 2010, affecting nearly 208 million others and costing nearly US\$110 billion. According to the United Nations Global Assessment Report, since 1900 more than 11 million people have died as a consequence of drought and more than 2 billion have been affected by

drought, more than any other physical hazard.

Due to climate change, it is expected that the frequency of certain natural hazards will increase. Water-related disasters pose both direct impacts (e.g. damage to buildings, crops and infrastructure, and loss of life and property) and indirect impacts (e.g. losses in productivi-

ty and livelihoods, increased investment risk, indebtedness and human health impacts). The increasing economic cost and toll of disasters should be a significant incentive for governments and humanitarian organizations to focus more attention on preparedness, prevention and addressing the root causes of vulnerability.

Manager's Corner

Well, it's here. A new year. The concept of sustainability and good water stewardship go hand-in-hand. As Benjamin Franklin said in 1746, "When the well is dry, we know the worth of the water."

Water is essential to human health, agriculture, industry, energy produc-

tion, ecosystem integrity and economic vitality of our own communities and our country.

We have before us during this year, the challenge in taking proactive measures and forging coalitions to ensure our source water is not depleted.

As with all life changing destiny decisions, the responsibility of charting a course that maintains and protects this vital resource remains with you and I.

Hug and Kiss someone you Love today!!!

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