

Winter Weather Safety

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Be Safe in Winter Weather!

- **Check the forecast and watch the weather:** Listen to the radio, watch TV, or check online for watches and warnings. For most Colorado's Front Range communities, a *Winter Storm Warning* usually means a snowfall of at least 6 inches (15.24 cm) in 12 hours or 8 inches (20.32 cm) or more in 24 hours. *Heavy Snow Warnings* for the mountains mean 8 inches or more expected in a 12-hour period. A *Blizzard Warning* means that, in addition to snow, winds of 35 mph or greater are expected for a period lasting at least 3 hours, and visibilities may be reduced to a mile or less.
- **Transportation:** Do not travel during winter weather unless absolutely necessary. If you must travel outside, dress warmly and bring supplies (shovel, blankets, extra clothing, food, water, or a cell phone if you have one).
- **Outdoors:** Dress in several layers of clothing and wear a hat. Mittens will keep your hands warmer than gloves. Remember that wind increases the cooling effect on the human body, so exposed skin will get frostbitten easier on cold, windy days.
- **At Home:** Be sure to have emergency supplies (food, water, flashlights, etc.) in case the power goes out. Be very careful with fires and candles!

