

# Are you **WeatherReady?**

Thinking ahead and preparing for what the weather may bring can make a real difference. Here are a few simple steps you can take to prepare yourself, your vehicle and your home or business.

## Take the worry out of winter storms

Consider a separate battery charger, and you could store key information such as the power cut helpline number (105) on your phone.



## Check your heating

Cold weather can be a risk to your health especially if you are over 65 or have a long-term health condition. Ideally your home should be heated to more than 18°C.



## Weatherproof your home and garden

Think about what might be impacted by strong winds or flooding around your home. Organise maintenance checks and consider moving items.



## Plumbing checks can save money

Freezing and thawing can cause pipe bursts. Check your pipes are insulated especially outside and make sure you know where your stop tap is.



## Make alternative plans

You may need alternative commuting plans for severe weather, and alternative childcare plans in case of school or nursery closures.



## Have basic supplies to hand

Put useful things such as water, torch, and batteries plus emergency numbers in a bag in case a storm takes out power, water or phone lines.



## Check your vehicle is winter ready

Top up with a screen wash that is effective in cold temperatures, check your tyres are road-worthy and pack a winter kit for your car.



## Think of vulnerable neighbours

Look out for others in your community and help people access the supplies, help or information they need to keep them safe and well in winter.



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Are your friends, neighbours and community WeatherReady for the winter? Help them prepare by sharing this checklist or join the conversation online #WeatherReady