



Humboldt Bay Fire News Release

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Subject : Winter Storm Tips

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Humboldt Bay Fire would like to give the public tips for preparedness in light of the approaching winter storm. The single most important item to consider is being prepared. We encourage the public to:

- Have a plan. Be prepared for the storm by obtaining items such as batteries, flashlights, and a weather radio ahead of the storm's arrival.
- Stay informed of changing weather conditions.
- Only go out in to the weather if you must.
- When driving in inclement weather, slow down. Allow for additional time to get to your destination.
- Be aware of standing water on the roadways which may cause vehicles to hydroplane.
- Use your headlights during wet weather.
- Look out for debris on roadways such as rocks, trees, and limbs.
- High winds may make operation of vehicles difficult.
- Watch out for down power lines. Do not attempt to approach a down power line. Notify your local emergency services if you locate a downed line.
- Be aware of rapidly rising streams and flooding on to roadways. Do not attempt to cross flooded roadways. There may be a current that can cause a vehicle to be swept away.
- If you are using a generator, use only outdoors.
- Only fuel emergency generators when they are cool to avoid fuel fires.

If you see anything that may be a hazard, contact your local emergency services. We all need to work together to keep our community safe.