



## News from Livingston County, N.Y.

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### Livingston County Office of Emergency Management Urges Winter Weather Preparedness

**MOUNT MORRIS, N.Y., December 9, 2021** — According to Andrew Brodell, Director of the Livingston County Office of Emergency Management, “Our region experiences a wide range of severe weather conditions during the winter months, including extreme cold, freezing rain, snow, ice and high winds. We encourage our residents to prepare for inclement winter weather. A little preparedness can go a long way in protecting you and your loved ones!”

The New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) suggests that you stockpile the following in-home supplies in the event of a winter storm or a power outage that prevents you from leaving your home:

- Flashlights and extra batteries
- Battery-operated radio and extra batteries
- Emergency non-perishable foods that do not require refrigeration
- Non-electric can opener
- Bottled water
- One week supply of essential medicines
- Extra blankets and sleeping bags
- First aid kit and manual
- Fire extinguisher
- Emergency heating equipment, used properly

The [DHSES website](#) also includes safety tips for winterizing your home, staying warm indoors, protecting water pipes, losing electrical service, generator safety, carbon monoxide poisoning, fire safety, kerosene heaters, and clearing your roof. To further, prepare your home for a safe winter:

- Have your furnace serviced within proper regular intervals
- Have your chimney inspected and cleaned, as necessary
- Check your fire extinguishers and re-educate yourself on their usage

Finally, adequately prepare your vehicle for winter travel. Unforeseen circumstances can turn a short ride into a lengthy wait:

- Maintain more than enough fuel in your tank
- Check your tires for proper tread and pressure
- Dress warmly when traveling, regardless of where
- Leave yourself more time to travel than you typically would

For more information on the Livingston County Office of Emergency Management, please call 585.243.7160, or visit their website at <https://www.livingstoncounty.us/203/Emergency-Management-Office-of> and click “Safety Tips” for flyers with pertinent information. You can also connect with the Livingston County Office of Emergency Management on their new Facebook page at <https://www.Facebook.com/OEMLivingstonNY>

**About Livingston County:**

Founded in 1821, Livingston County, N.Y., is comprised of more than 61,000 residents in 17 towns located across 631 square miles of the Finger Lakes region.

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