



District 6 DISPATCH

Serving the upper Methow Valley from Gold Creek to Lost River – WINTER 2024



STAY Ready for WINTER

Plan ahead for that long winter power outage or when snow closes the roads and you can't get to the store...

POWER OUTAGES

- Keep warm clothing, blankets & sleeping bags ready to use.
- Know how to safely use alternative heater if needed.
- Never use a BBQ indoors or in a closed space.
- Phones and radio communications can be interrupted by severe weather and/or power outages. Know locations of land-lines, like a neighbor or business.



LIGHT

- Have a working battery-operated headlamp, flashlight, or lantern with back-up batteries.
- Store it where you can find it in the dark!
- Protect batteries from freezing temps when possible. Severe cold can quickly drain them.



CELL PHONE ADVICE

- Keep a paper copy of import numbers and contact info in case your phone is lost or doesn't work.
- If the signal strength is low, a text may work when a phone call won't.
- Have an alternative way to charge phone(s) and the cord(s) to make it work.
- When possible, use a headlamp or lantern for emergency light to save battery power.

PLAN FOR PETS

- Have extra food on hand if possible.
- Pets may be afraid and confused if routines change. They may try to hide or run. Make a safe, quiet space for them if possible.
- Keep pets safe outdoors/in vehicles with a leash or in a pet carrier. A properly fitting harness may be a safety solution for pets who may slip a standard collar.



5 SIMPLE WAYS to be READY AT HOME

1. Post your address where emergency responders can see it – in the dark – above the snow. Seconds count when you call for help.
2. Make sure your smoke alarms and CO detectors are working. Replace detectors older than 10 years. They may test properly, but sensor units weaken over time and may not work when you need it most.
3. Put together an emergency supply kit. Store your kit where you can get to it quickly, in case you need to leave.
4. Keep first aid supplies easy to access. You may need to take supplies to the emergency or send someone to get what you need.
5. Have someone who, in the event of an emergency (small or large) you check on and they do the same for you. A neighbor, close by friend or fellow member of an organization that can help/get help if needed.

