ALTUS READY: WINTER WEATHER

Helpful Resources
Ready.gov | FEMA.gov | Weather.gov | CDC.gov/Emergency
For emergencies, call 911.
For local updates, follow the City of Altus **official website**
WWW.ALTUSOK.GOV

Know the Risk

Winter weather can bring freezing temperatures, freezing rain, sleet, snow, ice, and strong winds. These conditions can make roads dangerous, cause power outages, freeze pipes, and increase the risk of hypothermia, frostbite, carbon monoxide poisoning, and vehicle crashes.
Even a short period of ice or extreme cold can create serious safety issues, so it is important to prepare early.

Before Winter Weather

- Check weather updates before freezing temperatures arrive.
- Have flashlights, batteries, blankets, bottled water, and non-perishable food ready.
- Charge cell phones, power banks, and essential devices.
- Protect pipes by insulating exposed plumbing and knowing how to shut off water if needed.
- Bring pets indoors and make sure they have warm shelter.
- Keep vehicles fueled and stocked with basic emergency supplies.
- Make a plan for medications, medical devices, and mobility needs.
- Check on older adults, neighbors, and family members who may need assistance.

Winter Vehicle Kit

- Keep basic supplies in your vehicle during winter weather, including:
- Blanket or warm clothing
- Flashlight and batteries
- Bottled water
- Non-perishable snacks
- Phone charger or power bank
- Jumper cables
- Ice scraper
- First aid supplies

During Winter Weather

- Stay indoors and dress warmly.
- Avoid travel unless absolutely necessary.
- Never use a stove, oven, grill, or generator to heat your home.
- Use generators outdoors only and away from windows, doors, and vents.
- Keep space heaters at least three feet away from anything that can burn.
- Follow official weather and City updates.
- Check on neighbors when it is safe to do so.

If You Must Drive

- Slow down and allow extra time.
- Increase distance between vehicles.
- Watch for ice on bridges, overpasses, and shaded roads.
- Do not drive around barricades.
- Keep your phone charged before leaving.
- Let someone know where you are going and when you expect to arrive.

Signs of Cold Weather Illness

- **Frostbite** may cause numbness, pale or grayish skin, or firm, waxy skin.
- **Hypothermia** may cause shivering, confusion, exhaustion, slurred speech, or drowsiness.
- Seek medical help right away if symptoms are serious or if someone's condition worsens. Call 911

After Winter Weather

- Continue using caution on roads, sidewalks, and driveways.
- Watch for falling ice, tree limbs, and downed power lines.
- Check pipes for leaks or damage.
- Restock emergency supplies.
- Check on neighbors, especially older adults, young children, and people with access or functional needs

Quick Reminder

Never use a grill, generator, gas stove, or oven to heat your home.