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BE PREPARED FOR A WINTER WEATHER EMERGENCY

(Florence, WI) – Are you ready for a winter weather emergency? Even though the snow has not accumulated yet, winter in Northern Wisconsin is here. Our region is known for severe weather including temperatures dropping below zero and large amounts of snow with or without notice, leaving homes without power. Be prepared by stockpiling three days' worth of supplies in a go-bag. Items include drinking water and food; a gallon of water per person, per day and a three-day supply of non-perishable food. Most non-perishable foods are in a can, so remember to pack a can opener! Other recommended supplies to include in your go-bags are flashlights with extra batteries, first aid kits, blankets and/or pillows and a battery-operated radio. Include a battery-operated cell phone charger which is a great stocking stuffer idea for the upcoming holidays! Don't forget your medications and your pets! Store your emergency go-bag in a convenient location and assure family members know the location, before an emergency situation. Make an exit strategy and meeting location plan with your family and be prepared if a winter weather emergency strikes.

With Florence County being a rural community, our resources can be limited. Before winter strikes, plan ahead for a heating source for your family during a power outage. Generators can be a great option for outages in the cold winter months. Also remember to check on neighbors and loved ones who are elderly.

For more information on preparing for emergencies, visit www.florencewipublichealth.com or follow us on Facebook @FlorenceCountyHealthDept or Instagram @florencecountyhealthdept. Florence County Health Department is located at 501 Lake Ave and is open 8:00am-4pm Monday through Thursday. Need health insurance? Visit access.wi.gov to see if you qualify for benefits.

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