



## Cornerstone Church Winter Storm Preparedness Checklist

As winter weather approaches, we encourage all Cornerstone Church members and families to take a few simple steps to prepare for snow and potential power outages. This checklist is designed to help you stay safe, informed, and ready.

Website: [www.thecornerstonechurch.net](http://www.thecornerstonechurch.net)

### Before the Storm

- Check the weather forecast regularly.
- Sign up for local emergency alerts.
- Charge all phones, laptops, and battery packs.
- Stock up on groceries, water, and medications for at least 3 days.
- Prepare a flashlight, batteries, and candles.
- Fill your car with gas and check antifreeze and windshield fluid.
- Identify elderly neighbors or family who may need help.

### Home Preparation

- Set thermostats to a consistent temperature.
- Insulate exposed pipes to prevent freezing.
- Bring pets indoors and prepare pet supplies.
- Clear gutters and drains if possible.
- Prepare blankets, extra clothing, and sleeping bags.

### During the Storm

- Stay indoors and limit travel.
- Avoid using generators or grills indoors.
- Keep refrigerators and freezers closed as much as possible.
- Monitor emergency alerts and local news.
- Check in on family, friends, and neighbors.

### After the Storm

- Watch for icy walkways and falling branches.
- Check on neighbors who may need assistance.
- Report power outages if necessary.

- Avoid downed power lines.
- Shovel snow safely and take breaks.

## **Helpful Resources**

### **Howard County Snow Plow Tracker:**

<https://citizeninsights.geotab.com/#/hocosnowplowtrackerbeta>

### **Build an Emergency Kit (Ready.gov):**

<https://www.ready.gov/kit>

### **Maryland Emergency Alerts:**

<https://mdready.maryland.gov/pages/Emergency-Alerts.aspx>

Let us continue to care for one another during this season.

Stay safe and warm,  
Cornerstone Church