

Are You Ready for Winter on Banner Mountain?

Storms may result in lengthy power outages and inaccessible roadways.

<u>Winter Preparedness Checklist</u> (click to view all tips on the OES webpage)

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	Monitor the <i>forecast</i> via internet and radio services:
	• Use a battery powered radio tuned to local stations (KNCO-AM830, KMVR-AM89.5).
	 Access local and national weather websites (weather.com).
	 Access YubaNet storm condition updates (yubanet.com).
	Check in with your <i>neighbors</i> :
	 Neighbors, family, and friends may need an extra hand.
	 Your neighbors can be your greatest resource during a storm!
	Good neighbors share resources to address immediate needs.
	Ensure adequate <i>food and water</i> for your household:
	 Purchase flats or gallons of bottled water prior to the storm season.
	 Have easy to prepare foods (soup, canned meats/beans, boxed pasta) on hand.
	 Use available snow, in camp coolers, to keep perishable foods safe.
	Make backup plans for <i>medical devices</i> that require power:
	 Identify alternative power sources and notify PG&E of your medical requirements.
	Contact FREED, (530) 477-3333, for access to backup power solutions.
	Plan for your <i>health and safety</i> Needs:
	 Restock your first aid kit and over-the-counter medications.
	Have at least a two-week supply of prescription medication on hand.
	Plan for your <i>heat</i> source during an extended power outage:
	Confirm enough dry firewood on hand.
	 Maintain your generator and confirm an adequate supply of fuel on hand.
	Confirm the location of your sleeping bags, blankets, jackets, gloves, and hats.
	Plan for your <i>light</i> source during an extended power outage:
	Confirm the location of your flashlights and camping lamps.
	Confirm availability of back up batteries.
	Confirm the availability of candles and/or kerosene lamps.
	Plan for your <i>communications</i> sources during an extended power outage:
	Charge batteries to keep devices, like cell phones and tablets, operable.
	 Conserve cell phone battery power by using text messaging and switching to
	airplane mode when not in use.
	Consider investing in a GMRS radio ("walkie talkie").
	Consider investing in a UPS or solar device charger.
	Plan for available <i>fuels</i> during an extended isolation period:
	Charge/fuel up your car.
	• Stock up on extra fuel for tools like your generator, snow blower, and chainsaw.
	Ensure you have a snow shovel to keep walkways and driveways clear.
	Keep a snow brush/ice scraper in your vehicle to clear your windshield.