



THE READY REVIEW

Winter 2019

*Hamilton County Emergency Management
& Homeland Security Agency*



ALERT HAMILTON COUNTY HAVE YOU SIGNED UP?

How will you be notified of severe weather warnings & emergency information? Sign up for Alert Hamilton County to receive weather updates and emergency alerts via text, phone call and/or email. With the ability to include as many addresses in the system as you would like, you can now be notified of a potential hazard at home, at work, or even at your child's school!

Alert Hamilton County allows you to choose from 43 weather alerts and gives public safety officials the ability to reach you when it matters most!

By signing up for Alert Hamilton County, you will also be signed up for Smart911, a life-saving technology that allows you to give vital information to 9-1-1 call takers BEFORE an emergency.

SMART911 PROTECT YOUR FAMILY

Smart911 allows users to provide key information to 9-1-1 call takers and first responders BEFORE an emergency happens. With Smart911, users are able to create a Safety Profile that includes the information needed to help you faster during an emergency. Smart911 is a nationwide system, so if you are traveling in an area that subscribes to Smart911, your Safety Profile will be available to that 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Center when you dial 9-1-1.

What Should You Include?

Family Medical Info
Contact Information
Pictures

Vehicle Information
Pet Information
Important Addresses



Smart911

Sign Up at WWW.ALERTHC.ORG



Snow Level Classifications

Will you be prepared when the Hamilton County Sheriff declares a Snow Alert, Advisory or Emergency?



Snow Alert Level One

- No roadways closed, but unnecessary travel is discouraged.
- Roadways are hazardous with potential of ice, blowing & drifting snow.

Snow Advisory Level Two

- Only drive if necessary.
- Contact your employer to learn if you should report to work.
- Roadways are hazardous with potential of ice, blowing & drifting snow.

Snow Emergency Level Three

- All or certain County roads are closed to all but emergency/essential persons.
- Only absolute necessary travel permitted.
- Roadways are extremely hazardous with ice, blowing & drifting snow.

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Winter Weather alerts
at WWW.ALERTHC.ORG**



The Time is NOW: Winterize Your Home

Be Prepared

Buy a snow shovel & salt for use on driveways & sidewalks.
Include your home address in your Smart911 Safety Profile.

Gutters & Downspouts

Clean gutters & downspouts.
Install leaf guards to keep leaves & debris out of gutters.

Doors & Windows

Apply weatherstripping or caulk in drafty spaces.
Install double-paned windows to increase energy efficiency.

Heating System

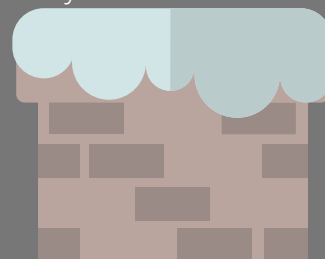
Have a professional inspect your furnace to ensure efficiency.
Replace the filter in your furnace.

Roofing & Chimney

Replace damaged roof shingles and fix loose gutters.
Have chimneys inspected & cleaned before use.

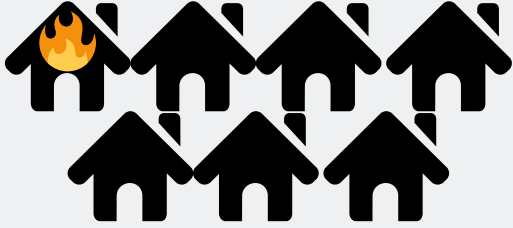
Plumbing

Insulate pipes exposed to cold.
Leave faucets dripping & cabinets opened to prevent freezing.
Drain any piping that is not required during winter months.



Put a FREEZE on Winter Fires

Home fires occur more in winter than in any other season. Stay safe while staying warm!



Heating equipment is involved in
1 in every 7 reported home fires &
1 in every 5 home fire deaths.



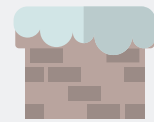
Keep kids, pets, & anything that
can burn **at least 3 feet** away
from any heat source.



Plug space heaters
directly into a wall
outlet.



Keep candles in a **sturdy holder**
on an uncluttered surface. Blow
out candles when you leave a room
or go to bed.



Have a professional
clean & inspect your
chimney & vents
every year.

Travel Safely This Holiday Season

Before leaving town, let family or friends know where you will be going and when you are leaving.

If you are driving, to your destination, be sure your car has been winterized. Check & refill all fluids as needed—including windshield washer fluid, oil, and gasoline.

DON'T FORGET! Keep an emergency preparedness kit stocked with food, water, important supplies, and blankets in case your car breaks down on your travels.

While traveling, avoid connecting to open, public Wi-Fi, as this could be a security risk to your personal information.



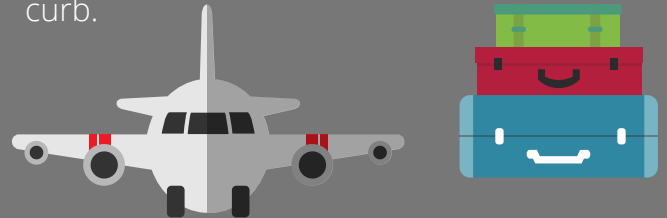
Plan Before You Travel

Have a trusted neighbor or family member watch your home if you will be leaving town.

Stop mail and newspaper delivery.

Keep lights on a timer to give the appearance that you are at home.

Do not leave garbage cans at the curb.



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