



Winter Weather Hazards are Just Around the Corner...

In Alberta, winter storms and extreme cold can happen suddenly, last for several days and have a significant impact on our daily lives. Winter storms can create power outages, reduce our ability to travel safely and create challenges for daily family living and livestock health and safety.

Severe winter weather can be dangerous without some planning. Protect yourself, your family, and others by knowing the risks of winter weather hazards (see weather and hazards visual below) and ensure you have a preparedness plan in place so you can deal with what Mother Nature might have in store (see reverse for some basic details).

Winter Hazards

Severe winter weather can be dangerous without a plan.

Infographic source: www.alberta.ca



Blizzards
bring snow, cold temperatures, strong winds and low visibility.



Effects include blowing snow and difficulty seeing your surroundings



Prepare by staying inside



Freezing rain
freezes on impact and creates a layer of ice on surfaces.



Effects include falling branches and slippery roads and sidewalks



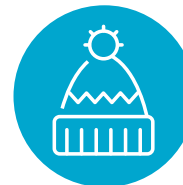
Prepare by avoiding travel



Extreme cold warnings
are issued when the temperature drops below -40°C.



Effects include sore red skin that can freeze within minutes and a quick drop in body temperature



Prepare by dressing warmly and wearing layers of clothing

Being prepared can help.

Protect yourself and others by knowing the risks of winter hazards and make a plan.

Visit alberta.ca to learn how you can become better prepared.



For power outages, emergency power troubles and service requests, contact the distribution system operator for FENN REA: **ATCO Electric**
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Severe Winter Weather *What can I do?*

You can greatly lessen the impact of a severe storm by taking the time to prepare in advance. This involves three basic steps:

- 1** Determine the type of severe weather, and associated risks, expected in your region. Be sure to listen to radio, TV and other communication channels. Realize the difference between the various weather warnings.
 - **Winter Storm Watch** – Issued 48 to 60 hours in advance when circumstances are favourable for the development of hazardous conditions.
 - **Winter Storm Warning** – Issued when a combination of hazardous winter conditions are occurring or expected to develop no more than 12 to 14 hours in advance.
 - **Blizzard Warning** – Issued when winds of 40 km/h (25 mph) or more are expected to cause widespread reductions in visibilities to less than 1 km (0.62 mi) due to blowing snow and expected to last for at least four to six hours accompanied by extremely low wind-chill.
 - **Snowfall Warning** – Issued when hazardous amounts, which may vary across the country, are expected to fall over a 12 or 24-hour period.

- 2** Make a family emergency plan, so that everyone knows what to do, what their responsibilities are and where to go in case of an emergency. Planning for a winter storm can also help prepare you for many other types of emergencies. The following Government of Canada

publication could be very useful: www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/rsrscs/pblctns/svrstrms-wtd/svrstrms-wtd-eng.pdf

- 3** Prepare an emergency kit (with supplies), so that you and your family can be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours during a severe storm. Key items would include but not limited to:

- **Water** – at least two litres of water per person per day; include small bottles that can be carried easily in case of an evacuation order
- **Food that won't spoil**, such as canned food, energy bars and dried foods (replace food and water once a year).
- **Equipment that is battery or manually operated**, such as flashlights, radio and can opener, ensuring you have additional batteries, and
- **Ensure an emergency to-do list is available** and followed for both companion animals and livestock.

For more information on building an emergency kit, visit www.alberta.ca/build-an-emergency-kit.aspx.



Graphic source: Government of Canada

Regulated Rate Option (RRO)

The RRO rate may increase or decrease from month to month as it is priced on the open market and subject to many factors relating to supply and demand. If you do not have a contract with an electricity retailer, then you receive the default RRO rate.

For October 2021, the RRO is priced at \$0.12531 per kWh, which is reflected on your enclosed bill. For November 2021, the Battle River Power Coop monthly RRO billing rate for FENN REA members is \$0.12823. The RRO rate is also listed on www.fennrea.com.

Members are free to purchase electricity services from a retailer of their choice. For a list of retailers, visit ucahelps.alberta.ca or call 310-4822 (toll free in Alberta).

Information on FENN REA's Code of Conduct Compliance Plan can be found on our website: www.fennrea.com