



Town of Manlius Police Department SAFETY BULLETIN

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Let It Snow!

As the leaves fall and the temperature begins to drop, it is inevitable that winter is fast approaching. It is important to think ahead to protect yourself and your family from the extreme weather and temperatures we experience in central New York. The following are some winter weather preparedness tips:

1. Inspect and update your emergency supplies kit with winter weather items. Suggested additional items include: rock salt, sand, snow shovel, sufficient heating fuel or supply of dry, seasoned wood for a fireplace, and adequate clothing and blankets.
2. Make a family communications plan in case your family members are apart when a disaster strikes.
3. Visit: www.nyalert.gov to register email and/or text alerts about severe weather in your area (other alerts available through this website).
4. Visit the American Red Cross website to obtain more information on shelters, providing first aid and seeking assistance.
5. Minimize travel. If travel is necessary, keep a disaster supplies kit in your vehicle.
6. Bring pets inside during winter weather. Move other animals or livestock to sheltered areas with non-frozen drinking water.
7. Update your emergency kit in your vehicle. Suggested additional items include: shovel, windshield scraper, flashlight, battery powered radio, extra batteries, water, snack food, matches, extra hats, socks and mittens, pocket knife, blankets, tow chain or rope, road salt or sand, booster cables, emergency flares, and fluorescent distress flag.

For more information on how to be prepared, visit:

<https://www.ready.gov/winter-weather>

Basic Disaster Supplies Kit

1. Water—one gallon per person per day for at least three days
2. Food—at least a three day supply of non-perishable food
3. Battery operated radio and extra batteries
4. Flashlight and extra batteries
5. First aid kit
6. Whistle to signal for help
7. Dust mask to help filter contaminated air
8. Moist towelettes, garbage bags, and plastic ties for personal sanitation
9. Wrench or pliers for utility shut-off
10. Manual can opener
11. Local maps
12. Cell phone with chargers



Carbon Monoxide Safety



Every year hundreds of Americans die and thousands are hospitalized due to unintentional carbon monoxide poisoning. Carbon Monoxide poisonings are highest during colder months, most likely due to heating and cooking sources inappropriately used indoors.

1. Never use a generator, grill, camp stove or other gasoline, propane, natural gas or charcoal burning devices inside a home, garage, basement, crawlspace or any partially enclosed area.
2. Heating and cooking units should be kept at least 20 feet from doors, windows and vents to avoid carbon monoxide from coming into the home.
3. Install carbon monoxide alarms in central locations on every level of your house and outside sleeping areas to provide early warning.
4. If alarms sound, immediately evacuate the house and call for help from the fresh air location.



Permanent Pill and Syringe Drop-Off

If you missed the National Take-Back day last month, there is no need to worry. The Town of Manlius Police Department houses a permanent pill/narcotic kiosk to assist with the safe disposal of unused, unwanted or expired prescriptions (photo featured on the right). Due to the high demand, an additional kiosk was added for the safe disposal of used or unused needles, syringes, and lancets (photo below).



Citizens can bring used or unused sharps in a plastic container, tape the top closed and deposit the container in kiosk. The sharps kiosk will not accept any plastic containers larger than a two liter bottle. The sharps and pill kiosks are located in the front lobby of the Town of Manlius Police Department, 1 Arkie Albanese Ave. Manlius, and can be accessed Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. until Midnight and Saturday and Sundays 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

