

# Suggestions on preparing for winter storms

With winter moving into Kansas, the Kansas Division of Emergency Management urges everyone to get ready now for below-freezing temperatures, snow and ice-covered roadways, power outages and blizzard conditions the state could face in the coming weeks.

During a winter storm, it could be hours before emergency workers are able to reach some areas, which makes have an emergency kit critical.

The department recommends you have

food, water, medications and other necessities to last at least three days. Keep flashlights on hand with plenty of batteries. Have an emergency weather radio and listen to it. And don't forget your pet when stocking your emergency kit.

Make sure you have plenty of wood for your fireplace or invest in a safe alternative heat source, such as a propane heater.

Recommended items for a basic home emergency kit (found online at [www.kready.go](http://www.kready.go)) include:

- One gallon of water per person per day for three days.
- Battery powered or hand-crank radio.
- Flashlight and extra batteries.
- First aid kit and prescription medicines.
- Whistle to signal for help.
- Dust mask, plastic sheeting and duct tape.
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and ties.
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities.

- Can opener.
- Pet food and supplies.
- For a vehicle emergency kit:
  - Windshield scraper and small broom.
  - Flashlight.
  - Battery-powered radio and extra batteries.
  - Water, snack food.
  - Matches.
  - Extra hats, socks and mittens.
  - First-aid kit with pocket knife.
  - Necessary medications.

- Blanket (s).
- Tow chain or rope.
- Road salt and sand.
- Booster cables.
- Emergency flares.
- Fluorescent distress flag.
- Local maps.

Monitor road conditions by calling 511 or going to [511.ksdot.org](http://511.ksdot.org). If outside the state, call (866) 511-5368 to get Kansas conditions.

## Not all firewood is equal; some produces more heat

Not all firewood is created equal. Some species of trees are able to produce much more heat per cord of wood. A cord is the amount of wood in a well-stacked woodpile measuring four feet wide by eight feet long by four feet high. Following are heat values (in million BTU's) per cord for various species of tree. The better the wood is, the higher the value.

- Ash, Green 22.8
- Cottonwood 15.9
- Elm, American 19.8 - Difficult to split
- Elm, Siberian 20.9 - Difficult to split



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- Hackberry 21.0
- Honeylocust 25.6
- Locust, Black 28.3 - Difficult to split
- Maple, Sugar 24.0
- Maple, Silver 18.9
- Mulberry 25.3
- Oak, Red 24.0
- Oak, Bur 24.9

- Oak, Post 25.6
- Osage Orange 32.6 - Sparks, do not use in open fireplace
- Sycamore 19.5 - Difficult to split
- Walnut, Black 21.8

The Kansas Forest Service has a publication titled "Managing Your Woodland for Firewood" that is quite helpful.

Remember to obtain firewood locally. Emerald Ash Borer is now in Kansas because of transported wood.

## Five students get scholarships

Five Goodland area students received scholarships for more than \$1,000 for the 1012-13 school year at Kansas State University at Manhattan.

Hazen Deeds received a Dane G. Hansen Foundation Scholarship, Renea Hawley, Arts and Sciences Fund for Excellence, Kansas State

Marching Band Scholarship and Lucile Hartmann Music Scholarship Fund.

Dayelle Waugh received a Dane G. Hansen Foundation Scholarship.

Brock Wilkens received a Dane G. Hansen Foundation Scholarship.

Sydney Winston received a Clifford and Thelma Joslin Memorial Scholarship and Honstead-Wells Human Ecology Scholarship.

Devin Mangus received a John and Louie Owne Scholarship Fund and Mary Helen Hawks Scholars.

## Insurance department names new employees

Kansas Insurance Commissioner Sandy Praeger has named Zachary J.C. Anshutz as assistant commissioner and John Wine as general counsel.

Anshutz has been the Kansas Insurance Department's general counsel since January 2011. He was assistant general counsel for two years and a department staff attorney for two years. He is a Washburn University School of Law graduate.

"I am pleased that Zac has accepted a new department role," Commissioner Praeger said. "He has demonstrated time and again his willingness to take on any task to further the mission of our department. His experience will



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be extremely valuable as he works with administrative and consumer issues."

Anshutz replaces Bob Tomlinson, who became Director of the Kansas Office of Administrative Hearings. In addition to his new duties, Anshutz will continue to be the department's human resources director.

Wine has been in the department's legal division since 2007.

the Kansas Corporation Commission. He is a graduate of Friends University and the University of Kansas School of Law.

"John's extensive experience in state government will be a tremendous asset in his role as KID general counsel," Commissioner Praeger said. "He can interact well with many people to continue fulfilling the department's responsibilities to Kansas consumers."

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