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### **BE PREPARED FOR A WINTER WEATHER EMERGENCY**

(Florence, WI) – Are you ready for a winter weather emergency? Northern Wisconsin is known for severe weather including temperatures dropping below zero and large amounts of snow with or without notice leaving homes without power. Be prepared by stockpiling three days' worth of drinking water and food. This includes one gallon of water per person, per day and a three-day supply of non-perishable food. Most non-perishable foods are in a can, so remember to pack a can opener! Other recommended supplies include flashlights with extra batteries, first aid kits, blankets and/or pillows and a battery-operated radio. Include a battery-operated cell phone charger which is a great stocking stuffer idea for the upcoming holidays! Remember your medications and pets! Store your emergency kit in a convenient location and assure family members know the location. Make an exit strategy and meeting location plan with your family and be prepared if a winter weather emergency strikes.

For more information on preparing for emergencies, visit [www.florencewipublichealth.com](http://www.florencewipublichealth.com) or follow us on Facebook at @FlorenceCountyHealthDept. Florence County Health Department is located on the first floor of the courthouse and is open 8:00am-4pm Monday through Thursday. Need health insurance? Visit [access.wi.gov](http://access.wi.gov) to see if you qualify for benefits.

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