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# Resolve to Be Ready in 2025

As we start 2025, let's make a resolution that truly makes a difference: being prepared. Taking simple steps now to get ready for emergencies can help keep your family safe and make your community stronger. By planning ahead, you'll feel more confident and ready to handle whatever comes your way. Here's how you can make preparedness a part of your new year's goals.

## Create a Family Emergency Plan

- Make a plan so everyone in your family knows what to do in an emergency.
- Practice it regularly—fire drills or a “what if” discussion can make it easy and fun to prepare.

## Build and Maintain an Emergency Kit

- Gather supplies like water, food, medications, and flashlights that you might need in a crisis.
- Check your kit twice a year to keep it updated and ready to go.

## Know the Risks in Your Area

- Learn about the types of emergencies that are most likely to happen where you live, like storms or flooding.
- Stay informed about local emergency plans and resources.

## Practice Emergency Drills

- Try out fire drills or evacuation routes with your family so everyone feels confident.
- Make sure everyone knows where to meet and what to grab in case you need to leave quickly.

## Stay Informed and Connected

- Sign up for local emergency alerts so you're always in the know.
- Follow trusted news sources and community updates to stay prepared.

## Make Your Home Safer

- Look for potential hazards in your home and fix them to create a safer environment.
- Test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors regularly to ensure they're working.

## Learn Life-Saving Skills

- Take a first aid or CPR class so you're ready to help in an emergency.
- Keep a first-aid guide in your emergency kit for quick reference.

## Build Community Connections

- Get to know your neighbors and talk about ways to help each other in emergencies.
- Share tips and resources to make your neighborhood stronger.

## Keep Your Plans Updated

- Review and update your family emergency plan regularly, especially if your family's needs change.
- Make sure your contact information, medications, and important details are always current.

Being prepared doesn't have to be hard—it just takes a little effort now to save a lot of stress later. Let's make 2025 a year of readiness and resilience. Resolve to be ready and protect what matters most!



## Winter Pet Care: Keep Your Furry Friends Safe & Cozy

Winter is here, and it's important to make sure your furry friends stay warm, comfortable, and safe during the chilly months! While their fur provides some protection, pets still need extra care when the temperature drops. Remember, if it's too cold for you, it's too cold for them.

Here are some easy and helpful tips to keep your pets happy this winter.

### Keep Them Warm and Indoors

- Cats might enjoy exploring outside, but in winter, it's safer to keep them indoors. Dogs can still enjoy their walks but should spend most of their time inside where it's warm.

- A cozy sweater can make walks more comfortable for your dog, especially when it's freezing. Protect their ears, skin, and paw pads from frostbite and hypothermia.

### **Protect Those Paws**

- After outdoor walks, wipe your pet's paws with a damp towel to remove any snow or ice-melting chemicals. These products can irritate their paw pads and be harmful if licked.

### **Maintain Their Health**

The [ASPCA](#) has some additional tips for keeping your pet healthy and comfortable in the winter:

- **Dry Them Off:** When your pet comes in from the cold, towel-dry them, paying special attention to their feet and paw pads.
- **Keep the Fur Long:** Avoid giving your dog a close shave during the winter. Their longer fur helps keep them warm.
- **Limit Baths:** Reduce baths during cold weather to prevent dry, flaky skin. Too much washing can strip essential oils from their coat.
- **Adjust Their Diet:** Pets burn more calories to stay warm in winter, so consider feeding them a little extra. Don't forget to provide fresh water to keep them hydrated and their skin moisturized.
- **Never Leave Them in the Car:** Cars can quickly become dangerously cold in winter, so never leave your pets unattended inside.

### **Create a Snuggly Space**

Winter is the perfect season to snuggle up with your furry companions. Make sure they have a warm, comfy bed with a soft blanket to keep them safe and cozy.

By following these simple tips, you can ensure your pets enjoy the winter months as much as you do. Stay warm and happy cuddling!

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## Stay Informed & Ready with These Alerts!

Want to stay on top of emergencies, weather updates, and road conditions? We've got you covered! Sign up for these essential alerts to keep you in the know and ready for anything.

### **AlertPA: Your Go-To for Emergency Updates**

Get real-time alerts about emergencies, severe weather, health notifications, and building alerts from trusted state and federal agencies. With CodeRED Weather Warnings, you'll automatically receive notifications if your address is in the path of severe weather—straight from the National Weather Service.

### **511PA: Your Personalized Winter Travel Companion**

Winter weather can make travel tricky, but 511PA has your back! Sign up for Personal Travel Alerts and customize them just the way you want.

- Choose specific locations and roadways for updates.
- Set the days and times you want alerts (no weekend notifications? No problem!).
- Get updates on traffic delays, road conditions, weather forecasts, and even live views from traffic cameras.

Visit 511PA to check real-time conditions on over 40,000 miles of roadways, including color-coded winter conditions on 2,900 miles. It's free, available 24/7, and packed with features to keep you informed. Prefer using your phone? Download the free 511PA app for iPhone or Android, or dial 5-1-1.

### **Why Pick One When You Can Have Both?**

Sign up for AlertPA and 511PA today to stay informed, safe, and ready for anything. Stay connected, stay prepared!

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