

ARE YOU RED STICK READY

for Winter Weather?

While South Louisiana is not known for having severe winter weather, during the winter months we can experience low temperatures, strong winds, icing, sleet, freezing rain, and the occasional snow.

Use these tips to get [Red Stick Ready](#) for Winter Weather!

BEFORE WINTER WEATHER:

- Check your family disaster supply kit to ensure it is prepared for the winter. Make sure to include warm clothes!
- Review your family communication plan. Communicate with your family and neighbors about their winter preparedness actions.
- Include your pets in your preparedness plan!
- Dress warm and ensure you have extra blankets!
- Test your smoke detectors!

DURING WINTER WEATHER:

- Stay inside! Avoid slippery sidewalks and roadways if possible.
- Don't forget the 4 P's!
 - Bring your Pets inside!
 - Protect, cover or wrap your Pipes!
 - Protect your Plants as necessary!
- Practice caution while utilizing heaters and fireplaces.
- Use the BuddySystem™ to check on your neighbors, friends, and family.
- Monitoring your local weather radio and TV stations.
- Follow Red Stick Ready on Facebook and Twitter.
- Download the free Red Stick Ready app on your smartphone.

TIPS FOR USING SPACE HEATERS:

- Never leave a space heater unattended. Turn it off when you're leaving a room or going to sleep.
- Remember to keep children away from hot surfaces and have a fire extinguisher nearby.
- It is crucial to place all heaters on a hard, level and nonflammable surface.
- Avoid placing space heaters on rugs, carpets, or near drapes and bedding.
- Heaters should be kept at least 3 feet away from anything that can burn.
- Plug space heaters directly into a wall outlet. Do not use an extension cord or power strip which could overheat, resulting in a fire.
- Always unplug a space heater safely and store it in a proper place.

For more information contact MOHSEP at (225) 389-2100, follow us @RedStickReady on Facebook and Twitter, and download the Red Stick Ready mobile application - free on Apple and Android devices by searching "Red Stick Ready".

