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PLANNING AHEAD RESOURCE HUB

Household Winter Weather Plan

If an ice storm knocked out power for three days, this plan tells your household where to stay warm, how to heat safely, and who will check on you.

Household name: _____ **Address:** _____ **Date completed:** _____

1 Choose a trusted source for weather information

- [ ] Register for Alert Durham (dconc.gov, search "Alert Durham")
- [ ] Turn on emergency alerts on every phone

Our weather source: _____

2 Pick a warm place to go

	Where	How we get there
Friend or family member		
Backup place		

If we need a warming center or shelter, we will call NC 211 (2-1-1) or check Durham County updates.

3 Stock food, water, and medicines

- [ ] Water (1 gallon per person per day) for at least 3 days
- [ ] Food that does not need cooking
- [ ] A refill of every medicine before the storm

4 Plan for powered medical equipment

Person	Equipment	Backup power or plan

5 Prepare for a power outage

- [ ] Flashlights and extra batteries (no candles near blankets or curtains)
- [ ] Phone chargers and a backup battery
- [ ] Our outage number: Duke Energy 800-769-3766 or text OUT to 57801

6 Check heaters and test alarms

- [ ] Smoke alarms tested on _____
- [ ] Carbon monoxide alarms tested on _____
- [ ] Space heaters are at least 3 feet from anything that can burn
- [ ] We never use a generator, grill, or camp stove indoors or in a garage

7 Gather warm clothes and blankets

- [ ] Hats, gloves, coats, and dry socks for everyone
- [ ] Extra blankets or sleeping bags

8 Choose a daily check-in buddy

Buddy	Phone	Time we check in

9 Identify people you'll check on

Name	Phone	What they may need

10 Plan for your pets

Pet	Food and medicine	Warm place to stay	Vet phone

We practiced this plan on: _____

Next review: _____

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Planning Ahead is a Durham-based nonprofit helping communities across North Carolina prepare for climate emergencies. Want help building your plan? Attend a Planning Ahead workshop, or request a workshop for your community.

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