

REALTOR® Tips to Survive Cold Winter Months

Snow, ice, wind chill -- it's been a challenging winter. Winter weather can change dramatically in just a few hours and, if unprepared, you can find yourself in danger quickly. Before heading out to show properties, be sure you are prepared for every possibility.

- Always let someone know where you are going -- and give them specific directions, if needed.
- Make sure your vehicle has a good quality set of tires, plus start off with a full tank of gas.
- Inside the vehicle, you should have the essentials to hold you over for a night in the cold. (Though it doesn't happen often in our area, ice storms have stranded travelers over night.)
- Even though cell service can be unreliable in certain areas, be sure to keep a cell phone charger plus a travel charger to recharge your cell phone.
- Pack a warm blanket in your trunk.
- Your arsenal should also include an LED flashlight, battery jumper cables, tow rope and good quality snow shovel.
- Keep a generous supply of "Hot Hands" hand, toe and body warmers in your vehicle.
- Finish off your list with some snacks that won't freeze, such as granola bars or trail mix, and something to drink.
- Finally, keep an extra pair of shoes in the car suitable for walking in snow.

The best advice: check the weather report regularly and when in doubt, reschedule!