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Prepare Your Home for Extreme Cold Weather

Morgan Hill –The Morgan Hill Fire Department, South Santa Clara County Fire District and CAL FIRE are reminding residents to prepare for possible extreme cold weather this coming week. The Centers for Disease Control recommend the following for extreme cold weather.

Although periods of extreme cold cannot always be predicted far in advance, weather forecasts can sometimes provide you with several days' notice. Listen to weather forecasts regularly, and check your emergency supplies whenever a period of extreme cold is predicted.

If you plan to use a fireplace or wood stove for emergency heating, have your chimney or flue inspected each year you can find an inspector in the yellow pages of your telephone directory under "chimney cleaning." And if using your fireplace, wood stove or kerosene heater, install a smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detector near the area to be heated.

Insulate any water lines that run along exterior walls so your water supply will be less likely to freeze and burst.

If you have pets, bring them indoors. If you cannot bring them inside, provide adequate shelter to keep them warm and make sure that they have access to unfrozen water.

Points to remember:

- Listen to weather forecasts.
- Check your emergency supplies.
- Have your chimney or flue inspected each year.
- Install a smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detector. Check the batteries each month and change the batteries twice a year.
- Weatherproof your home.
- Bring your pets indoors during the winter.

Find more information visit the CAL FIRE website at www.fire.ca.gov or [The Centers for Disease Control](http://www.cdc.gov)

The CAL FIRE Santa Clara Unit serves: Alameda, Contra Costa, Santa Clara, Stanislaus and San Joaquin counties

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