Fall is the perfect time to prepare for winter storms!
As you rake up those leaves, rake in these preparedness tips!

Before winter approaches, consider the following supplies for your emergency kit:

- Rock salt or a more environmentally safe product to melt ice on walkways.
- Sand to improve traction.
- Snow shovels and other snow removal equipment.
- Sufficient heating fuel. You may be in your home with your heat source cut off. Store a good supply of dry, seasoned wood for your fireplace or wood-burning stove or check out the next bullet.
- Adequate clothing and blankets to keep you warm.
- Make a copy of your Family Communications Plan. It is important to know how you will contact one another, how to get back together and to do in case of an emergency.
- Make sure you have a battery-operated radio or a NOAA Weather Radio to receive critical information from the weather service or local news station.
- If traveling, keep a disaster supply kit in your vehicle.
- Have a kit prepared for your pets and ensure there is shelter and feed for your livestock.
- People with additional needs should have extra equipment, medications or other items on hand that they require on a daily basis.

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