

# Red Cross gives 1979 winter weather tips

It doesn't take much to conjure up images of the winter of '78, complete with snow, howling winds and freezing temperatures.

The Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross offers these suggestions to help you prepare for the worst winter has to offer:

**Tips for your car:**

- Check your car and make sure it is in top running condition. Carry a scraper, battery cables, a small shovel and some sand.
- When traveling in bad weather, stick to main roads and travel with others, if possible. Keep your gas tank full to prevent icing and to add weight. On a long trip, take emergency supplies, such as sleeping bags, candles, tissues, nonperishable food. Leave a downwind window open slightly to ensure good ventilation. Don't leave your car for help. In an emergency, stranded cars are looked for and checked.

**Tips for your home:**

- Have a battery-powered radio and a flashlight in your house; have extra batteries too.
- Keep first aid supplies in the house year-round.

## Local man gets new post

Michael P. Moakley, 38368 Old Homestead Drive, Farmington, has been appointed general manager, service department at General Electric Co.'s medical systems division, Milwaukee, Wis.

In his new position, Moakley will direct the activities of the division's North American service network, providing planned maintenance and emergency service to hospitals, clinics and physicians' offices nationwide.

- Check your furnace and have it cleaned if necessary, same for your fireplace. Make sure heating ducts are clean and unobstructed. Drape windows at night, uncover them on sunny days.
- If your heat goes out, try to seek shelter elsewhere. If you can't do that, try to use only one room and use a safe alternative method of heating.
- If pipes freeze, leave the taps open to allow for expansion. If necessary, shut off water to prevent pipes from freezing and bursting. Thaw frozen pipes with insulating material or hot water; never use open flames.
- Have a five-day supply of nonperishable food and several containers of bottled water on hand. Eat well-balanced meals to keep your energy stable.
- If you must go out in extremely cold weather:
  - Wear layers of clothing which insulate your body better. Mittens are warmer than gloves; cover your face and mouth with a scarf. Wear a hat. If you get wet, change clothes as soon as possible.
  - Alcohol will not warm you up, and it can cause you to ignore important symptoms of overexposure to the cold.
  - Watch for signs of frostbite: skin a white or grayish-yellow color, numbness, possibly blisters. Warm frostbite by one of the following methods: put frozen part in warm—not hot—water, put frozen part under warm blankets, hold frozen part in your own warm hands. Give victim a warm, non-alcoholic drink. Don't rub frostbite.



## Puppet pleasers

Puppets for skits or individual use was the theme of a learning center which Sheri Gilbert of Farmington prepared for her course, Methods in the Elementary School, at Madonna College in Livonia. The course focuses on methods and materials used in the elementary school curriculum. Students recently displayed their teaching aids at St. Genevieve School in Livonia. Gilbert will be student teaching at St. Michael Catholic School in Livonia next term.

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