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Another Snow Storm is Upon Us...

It appears that another winter storm is set out to impact most of New Jersey. With that in mind, NJSIG would like to provide you with a few helpful tips to keep you safe over the next few days.

- Prepare the buildings for loss of power and possible flooding, frozen pipes.
- Check on the buildings as soon as safely accessible.
- Use caution when plowing and performing maintenance on spreaders, plows, etc.
- Travel only if necessary.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact your Loss Control or Member Services Representative.

The Scoop About Snow Shoveling

Winter storm warnings and watches mean more ice and snow to make getting to work or opening schools a challenge.

While shoveling snow can be good exercise, it can also be dangerous. In the rush to clear your own driveway or make sure schools open on time, the optimistic shoveler can attempt more than he should. Snow shoveling chores should be approached like a marathon instead of a sprint.

[Click Here](#) to read the National Safety Council's tips to help you get a handle on safe shoveling.



Winter Storm Fire Safety



A winter storm of exceptional severity can have a devastating effect on you and your home. Modern appliances designed to help you cope with a storm, such as portable heaters and power generators, can be hazardous if used improperly.

The New Jersey Division of Fire Safety and the U.S. Fire Administration encourage you to use the following safety tips to help protect yourself, your family and your home from the potential threat of fire during and after a winter storm. You can greatly reduce your chances of becoming a fire casualty by being able to identify potential hazards and following the preventive safety measures listed [HERE](#).

Hot tips for Cold Weather Driving

Before You Start:

Clean all the snow and ice off your car windows. Using the "peep hole" approach (scraping off only a small portion of the windshield) is asking for trouble!

Wipe off the headlights and tail lights so you can see and be seen. Remove snow from the hood and roof so there is nothing to blow onto the windows while you are driving.

Check weather and traffic reports so you can anticipate problems before you meet them on the road.

Check your owner's manual for winter startup techniques that you may have forgotten, overlooked or never read.

Two tips that **do not work**: 1) putting extra weight into your trunk may help traction somewhat, but at the expense of steering control and longer stopping distances and; 2) you may have heard that reducing tire pressure increases traction, but, again, only at the expense of steering control and tire wear.

[Click Here](#) for additional tips!

