

FLETCHER FIRE & RESCUE

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Inclement winter weather is fast approaching, and with it comes a variety of health and safety hazards both indoors and out. To help ensure everyone in our community stays safe and warm this season, the members of Fletcher Fire and Rescue offer the following vehicle safety tips:

1. Keep emergency gear in your car, including a cell phone, flashlight, jumper cables, sand or kitty litter, ice scraper/snow brush, small shovel, blankets, and warning devices. For longer trips take food, water, extra blankets, and required medication.
2. If you must travel in bad weather, drive slowly and let someone your route and anticipated arrival time.
3. Try to get to the store before a storm hits.
4. Carbon monoxide kills. Don't sit in a parked car with the engine running unless a window is open. Don't warm up your car in the garage. If your car is outside, make sure the exhaust pipe and the area around it are free of snow.
5. If you are stopped or stalled, light two flares, and place one at each end of the car. Stay in your vehicle and open a window slightly. Wrap yourself in blankets. Run your heater for a few minutes every hour to keep warm.

Also, remember to get rid of your Christmas tree when it begins dropping needles. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home. Check with your local community to find a recycling program. Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.

For questions, or more information about Fletcher Fire and Rescue, you can visit

www.fletcherfirerescue.org, or call us at (828)684-0864.

If you are interested in taking a CPR class, or it is time to renew your current CPR certification, contact Megan with Fletcher Fire and Rescue at (828) 551-3602 or at mmcfalls@fletcherfirerescue.com

Happy New Year, from your Fletcher Fire and Rescue Department!