



FROM THE AIR PROGRAM



NOTE TO ALL: The Cal Fire outdoor yard burn ban has been lifted, please contact Air Program for more info or to renew burn permits. 873-7845

Meteorological Winter under way — Dec 1 to March 1

Did you know? The astronomical seasons which we familiar with are defined by the position of the earth in relationship to the sun, and start on the solstices, and equinoxes. For example, the winter solstice this month marks the time when the sun’s path over the earth’s surface is furthest south of the equator. But meteorological seasons are based on annual temperature cycles and weather patterns. Meteorological seasons are used for forecasting and observing weather events, and tracking events as they relate to the economy, because of the general “good fit” to our calendar months.

Winter Driving Preparedness

If you are planning to travel, here is a checklist of ways to prepare for your route. Remember, major highways get plowed and have info updated much sooner than regional and county roads. Also, the Air Program can help you check weather for your route. 760-873-7845

1. Check or call Caltrans (or Nevada DOT) road conditions.
For CA Put this number in your phone: 8004277623 Website: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/cgi-bin/roads.cgi>
For NV Put this number in your phone: 877-NV-ROADS Website: <http://www.nvroads.com/>
2. Check the NOAA forecast for cities along your route.
3. Go to www.weather.com, enter a city, scroll down & click on Weather In Motion. Choose a display at the top and click on Future at the bottom, and watch the hourly coverage change.
4. Have an emergency kit in your vehicle.
5. Make sure someone knows your travel plans, and update them when you arrive!
6. Don’t let the tank go near empty.

BUILDING AN EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT FOR YOUR CAR

WHY?
BECAUSE YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN YOU WILL ENCOUNTER WINTER WEATHER OR AN EMERGENCY ROAD CLOSURE.

AMERICA'S **PrepareAthon!**
BE READY. TAKE PART. PREPARE.

- CELL PHONE, CHARGER
- FIRST AID KIT
- JUMPER CABLES
- TIRE CHAINS OR SNOW TIRES
- FLARES
- WATER, SNACKS
- FLASHLIGHT
- BOOTS, MITTENS, WARM CLOTHES
- BLANKET
- TOW ROPE
- FULL TANK OF GAS
- BAG OF SAND OR CAT LITTER
- SHOVEL, ICE SCRAPER, SNOW BRUSH