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Winter Preparedness

DECATUR, IL – Illinois has an average of at least 5 major winter storms each year. The best time to prepare is now, before the weather hits. Illinois Emergency Management Agency along with the National Weather Service has created a guidebook to assist the public with preparing and staying safe in the winter weather. The Macon County Health Department encourages everyone to be aware of winter terms such as winter storm watch, warning, and advisory and how these could impact you. Winterizing your home and car is also extremely important. The guidebook has a list of items to help you create an emergency kit for your home and car. This guidebook can be found on the Macon County Health Department website, along with many helpful tips on our Facebook page. Preparing for the winter weather also includes adjusting your driving habits. Winter driving conditions contribute to an average of 27,879 vehicle crashes, 4,338 injuries, and 49 fatalities in Illinois each year.

For more information about winter or general emergency preparedness, please visit maconcountyhealth.org and/or contact Whitney at (217) 423-6988 ext: 1131.

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