



Staying Safe & Warm During Winter in Maine

In Maine, the weather can often include temperatures **WELL BELOW FREEZING** and at times, significant amounts of **SNOWFALL**. We recommend leaving your heat a bit higher and making sure **ALL** doors & windows are tightly closed and locked on days like these.

In addition, please take the following precautions:

- If you plan to be away, please let us know so we can keep an eye on things.

- Be aware of potential fire hazards. - Do not leave lights and/or space heaters on unattended. *

- We recommend leaving the cabinet doors open where plumbing exists to help prevent freezing of pipes. Also, make sure the heat is up a little higher than usual. **(As a rule, make sure the temperature is above 60 degrees.)**

- Run hot water and flush toilets in bathrooms and ALL faucets in the home periodically.

- Stock up on batteries, candles, blankets and extra food and water supplies.

- Make sure your cell phones are charged!

- Make sure your fuel tanks contain enough fuel to carry you through a possible extended power outage. **We recommend having no less than ¼ at any given time. This will help alleviate interruptions or delays in deliveries.** (Depending on how widespread a power outage is, it may be a while before CMP can restore power to everyone.)

- After a snowstorm, please shovel the snow away from your oil fill cap and/or your propane lid, and have a trail cleared to these locations. This way it will help the fuel companies assure you of uninterrupted deliveries.

- Make sure any loose items outdoors are stored or secured. In high winds these can become projectiles.

- Please make sure that all utilities that should have been transferred into your name at move in have been transferred (as applicable).

- Keep combustible objects at least three feet away from portable heating devices. *

***More important information about space heaters:**

- Only buy heaters evaluated by a nationally recognized laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL).

- Check to make sure the portable heater has a thermostat control mechanism and will switch off automatically if the heater falls over.

- Only use crystal clear K-1 kerosene in kerosene heaters. Never overfill it. Use the heater in a well-ventilated room away from curtains and other flammable items.