

# Staying Warm



Should an emergency during cold weather disrupt electricity and natural gas supplies, most Utahns will need a temporary source of heat. Extra clothing and bedding can help. The safest way to heat is with a portable electric generator outside the home that supplies power for a convection-style electric space heater placed in a small-size room. For more information and additional resources, visit [utah.gov/beready](http://utah.gov/beready).

- Ask your local fire department how much fuel you can safely store (gasoline or propane)
- Develop a fuel rotation strategy to keep fuel from oxidizing or going bad
- Keep an alternative power source such as a generator on hand along with needed accessories. Learn how to operate, maintain, and store alternative power sources in your home
- Identify a spot outside of your home where you can operate a generator. Make sure you have a long extension cord to power appliances or heaters inside your home
- Consider alternative heating sources such as stoves, fireplaces, or space heaters
- Inspect and clean fireplaces and stoves within your home annually. Make sure that you properly ventilate any room with a source of heat
- Install carbon monoxide detectors throughout your home. Check and replace the batteries regularly
- Store extra quilts and blankets in addition to coats, gloves, and other warm clothing

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