



# COUNTY of WELLINGTON

## Media Release

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### **BE BETTER PREPARED THIS WINTER**

**WELLINGTON COUNTY-** Winter has arrived in Wellington County. It's a good time to remind County residents to be better prepared during an emergency. The Wellington County Emergency Management Team recommends that residents prepare an emergency kit for emergencies so that you are able to take care of yourself, your family and your pets for a **minimum of 72 hours**.

#### **AN EMERGENCY KIT SHOULD INCLUDE:**

- Water – at least two litres of water per person per day
- Food that won't spoil, such as canned food, energy bars and dried foods (replace food and water once a year)
- Manual can-opener
- Crank or battery-powered flashlight (and extra batteries). Replace batteries once a year.
- Crank, battery-powered radio (and extra batteries)
- First aid kit
- Extra keys to your car and house
- Some cash in smaller bills, such as \$10 bills and change for payphones
- A copy of your emergency plan and contact information
- Toiletries
- Sleeping bags or warm blankets for each family member, and
- if applicable, other items such as prescription medication, infant formula, diapers, pet food, etc.

This week, forecasts are predicting unseasonable cold temperatures that could drop well below -20 C. Wellington County OPP also recommend that motorists take the following precautions to prepare for the frigid temperatures including:

- keeping the fuel tank sufficiently full (at least half-a-tank is recommended)
- carry a winter survival kit that includes a shovel, blanket, warm clothes, booster cables, a flash light and food
- ensure your vehicle is in sound operating condition, and
- have a fully-charged cell phone with you. If that is not possible, have a Call Police sign to alert passing motorists

#### **ROAD CONDITION INFORMATION:**

**Wellington County**                      **1.866.799.4166**  
**Ontario**                                      **511**

Residents should also monitor local news media for updates and changes to the weather conditions.

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