

# WINTER STORM NOTICE

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**\*\*There is currently a Winter Storm Watch in effect this week\*\***

Many Community Roots Housing (CRH) staff don't live on site or within walking distance, so they may not be available as driving conditions could be dangerous. With limited staff available, we will do our best to shovel and spread ice melt around the buildings in a timely manner, if needed. We appreciate your patience.

## Tips to Follow During a Winter Storm

- Please do not throw trash, litter, and debris on the ground to avoid clogged drains.
- Practice caution outside when leaving your home and walking on the snow, slush, or snow melt around the building.
- If there an emergency in your building, please call our phone number 206-204-8777. Please note, if the roads are dangerous to travel, our maintenance staff may not be available immediately.
- For the latest road conditions in Western Washington, call 5-1-1
- Have an emergency kit on hand that includes:
  - Flashlight with batteries or glow-in-the-dark stick lights
  - Wind-up clock, portable radio, manual can opener and mylar blanket, if possible.
  - Drinking water (one gallon per person per day), dry and canned food
  - First aid materials, prescribed medications and additional blankets

## During a Power Outage

- To report an outage, **Seattle City Light customers can call 206.684.7400** (recorded message). PSE customers can call 888.225.5773.
- **Do not use candles as a light source nor any open flame as a heat source.**
- Never use charcoal grills or portable gas camp stoves indoors. The fumes are deadly.
- Close doors, windows, and curtains to keep heat from escaping.
- Keep refrigerator and freezer closed as much as possible to keep food fresh. A full refrigerator will maintain safe temperatures for up to six hours; a full freezer for up to two days. Discard at-risk refrigerated foods that are warmer than 45 degrees F. If in doubt, throw it out.
- Use hot water sparingly. Most hot water tanks will retain heat for up to 24 hours.
- Switch electrical appliances off when the power goes out to prevent fires and equipment damage during prolonged outages. Leave one or two lights on to let you know when service is restored.
- When power is restored, turn on electrical appliances gradually. Sudden heavy consumption can damage the electrical system and extend the outage.
- If you live in a controlled access building, know which exit door to use during an outage. Also remember that unhoused neighbors may be even more determined than ever to gain access to a warmer place to sleep.