

# WINTER CAMP STOVE PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST

Outdoor cooking, limited outdoor warmth and fuel planning during energy shortages

## Stove and fuel readiness

- Identify the stove model and read its operating instructions.
- Confirm which fuels the stove is specifically approved to burn.
- Inspect stove body, legs, fittings, grates and chimney (if equipped).
- Store dry firewood or other approved fuel in a safe, suitable location.
- Check fuel supply against meals and water-heating needs; plan reserves.

## Safe outdoor setup

- Choose level, stable, noncombustible ground in an open-air location.
- Meet all manufacturer clearances from structures and combustibles.
- Check local fire bans, smoke rules and outdoor cooking restrictions.
- Keep children, pets and flammable materials away from the stove.
- Have suitable fire-extinguishing equipment and water available.
- Never operate ordinary camp stoves in homes, garages, vehicles or enclosed tents.

## Cooking and warmth

- Set aside a sturdy pot, kettle, utensils and heat-resistant gloves.
- Store safe drinking water; know how to treat emergency water.
- Prepare warm clothing, dry boots and insulated seating for outdoor tasks.
- Use only purpose-made hot-water bottles, filled as directed.
- Plan safe indoor heating or relocation; outdoor stoves cannot heat a home safely.

## Practice and emergency decisions

- Cook one complete meal outdoors using only emergency supplies.
- Record fuel consumed, cooking time and any setup problems.
- Set weather limits: high wind, blizzards or severe cold may make outdoor use unsafe.
- Check on household members vulnerable to cold exposure.
- Identify a heated backup shelter or relocation option.

**Practice notes:** Stove/fuel: \_\_\_\_\_ Meal tested: \_\_\_\_\_

Fuel used: \_\_\_\_\_ Outdoor temperature: \_\_\_\_\_ Next improvement: \_\_\_\_\_

**Critical:** Carbon monoxide is invisible and deadly. Never use outdoor camping stoves, charcoal or coal burners to heat enclosed spaces. Follow appliance instructions and local rules.