

COLD WEATHER TIPS

TVA and the 153 Local Power Companies are working to help customers stay warm and here are a few cold weather tips to save energy and prepare for the severe cold winter weather conditions forecasted for our service area.

- Prepare your house/property. Secure gas for generators and salt for walkways. Turn off water to outside faucets and cover them.
- Make sure you have adequate food and supplies to stay indoors for a few days.
- Do not leave animals outside during this time.
- Adjust your thermostat to 68 degrees or lower and bundle up in a cozy sweater, warm socks or a blanket. Set your water heater's temperature at 120° F.
- Keep your garage door closed to buffer colder outdoor air from trickling into your home.
- Use exhaust fans sparingly to avoid pulling extra warm air out of your home.
- Open your curtains or blinds on south-facing windows during the day to allow natural sunlight to heat your home.
- If you haven't already, add weather-stripping or caulk around leaky windows and doors. Block drafts with tight-fitting, insulating drapes or shades.
- Replace your air filter and schedule routine maintenance regularly so your heating system runs safely and efficiently.
- Keep the fireplace damper closed unless a fire is burning.