



# Ulster County Winter Watch

**Winter is coming ● Stay Self-Reliant  
Help Your Neighbors**

## **Neighbors Helping Neighbors**

If someone you know is elderly or dependent on health related equipment such as ventilators, respirators or oxygen concentrators, you should make plans now to ensure their needs are met during severe winter weather and possible power outages.

1. Help them stock a home disaster kit including a flashlight and extra batteries, battery operated radio, bottled water, non-perishable foods, medications, extra blankets and sleeping bags.
2. Check on them after a storm or power outage. Register them as a special needs customer with the utility so they will become a priority customer. Notify others who could provide help including neighbors, relatives, nearby friends, and local emergency services.
3. Have a list of emergency numbers readily available.
4. Have a standby generator or alternative power source available. Be aware of the safety rules for its use.

Note: Fuel tank should be at  $\frac{1}{4}$  full minimum. If less than  $\frac{1}{4}$  tank, call fuel dealer or 2-1-1.



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