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## Press Release

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### **Residents should prepare for winter storm**

Newton city officials advise residents to be prepared for harsh weather that has been forecast for this weekend. This storm is not anticipated to be as severe as the 2005 ice storm, but it does have the potential to create emergency conditions.

City officials encourage residents to remain at home and take the following measures to protect themselves and others:

- If you have to leave home, use caution when driving, as traffic signals may be out and power lines and tree limbs down on roadways.
- Check on neighbors and elderly and disabled individuals who may be home alone.
- Keep a flashlight, battery-operated radio and extra batteries close at hand.
- Do not attempt to remove downed tree limbs near power lines.

If you should lose power in your home:

- Minimize living quarters to a small area, preferably near a heat source such as a fireplace or wood-burning stove, and close all other doors.
- If using a space heater or other heat source, make sure it's intended for home heating and ensure proper ventilation to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.

Call 911 for emergencies only. Call (800) 544-4857 to notify Westar Energy of electrical outages.

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