



### SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT

**A Special Weather Statement means actual or expected weather conditions may cause general inconvenience or concern, but do not pose a serious threat to warrant a weather warning.**

**For more information on being Prepared:**

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## Be Weather Aware!

Freezing rain, ice pellets, snowsqualls, white-outs, heavy snow and high winds can cause extensive delays and inconvenience your daily schedule, but they can also bring with them damage, power outages and even life threatening conditions. Take the time to know what to watch for, and what to do if there is a weather watch or warning issued for where you live or where you are travelling to.

## Tips on Preparing for Severe Weather

- 1. Don't wait for a storm to hit.** Most winter storm systems are forecast well in advance. Begin preparing ahead of time and you'll be able to react quickly when a storm arrives. Assemble a Home Emergency Survival Kit. Have it stocked and ready, and in a place where you can easily access it.
- 2. Travel Safely.** Give your car a winter tune-up in mid-autumn and have your snow tires installed in early Fall. Assemble a Car Emergency Kit including basic items like high-energy snacks, a flashlight or road hazard light, new batteries, booster cables, kitty litter, a blanket, and warm gel packs.
- 3. Respect Travel Advisories and Road Closure notices.** If local emergency responders are advising you to stay inside and not travel—heed the advice. Do not travel until the storm has subsided and the danger has passed. Keep your vehicle off the roadways to allow emergency responders and snow removal crews better access.

## Watches and Warnings

A **Watch** is issued by Environment Canada as a heads-up that severe and possibly dangerous weather conditions are expected soon. For example a Winter Storm Watch is usually issued 18 to 36 hours in advance of the approaching bad weather. Environment Canada will either end the Winter Storm Watch or upgrade it to a Winter Weather Warning depending on the conditions.

A **Warning** is issued by Environment Canada when a combination of hazardous winter conditions are occurring or expected to develop in as little as 3 hours. You should continue to monitor local radio/television broadcasts or the Environment Canada website for update of new information.