

## **To All Staff:**

**Once again we are coming to that time of year when the weather in Oregon may cause problems for us. We may not be able to get home or may have to go a day or two without power. We may get stranded on the road. If you are not prepared for this it will be a major problem. The following are some hints on ways to be more prepared when one of these Oregon weather problems happens.**

## **Weather**

1. Put an extra set of cloths in your car (a heavy coat should be part of these cloths).
2. Have a blanket, Flares (or light sticks), and Emergency First Aid kits in your car.
3. Keep some extra food (canned food, dried soup or dried fruits are good) in your desk at work or car (if it is in the car it is with you should you breakdown) for that time you may need to spend the night.
4. Know which radio stations will have information about road conditions in your area and check them when the weather gets bad.
5. Check your flashlight batteries and have extras in your car.
6. A tow strap, jumper cables, or tools may be good to add to your car.
7. Make sure your cell phone is charged before going out in bad weather.
8. Check vehicle tires, battery, and anti-freeze before the problems happen (September is a good time).
9. Whenever possible take the same rout home, so if you breakdown people know where to look.
- 10.If you are running late let someone know!
- 11.If you live out of town, make arrangements ahead of time to have a place to stay should weather get bad or you have car problems (friend or relative in town).

# Power outages

1. Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed and they will keep food for up to 48 hours or more.
2. Only use camp stoves and barbecues outside to cook on. If used indoors they will give off **toxic fumes**.
3. Have a battery-powered radio with good batteries so you can get information on repair conditions.
4. If you have a well you may not have water if you loose power, so keep a container of water for drinking in the house. Several gallons are best.
5. If you have oil or kerosene lamps make sure you have fuel for them and can keep matches close by to light them. Candles cause a very high fire risk. Any open flame type of light must be placed on a stable surface, so it will not tip and cause a fire.
6. If you use a portable generator, connect the items you want to power directly to the generator, Do not connect the generator to your home's electrical system.