

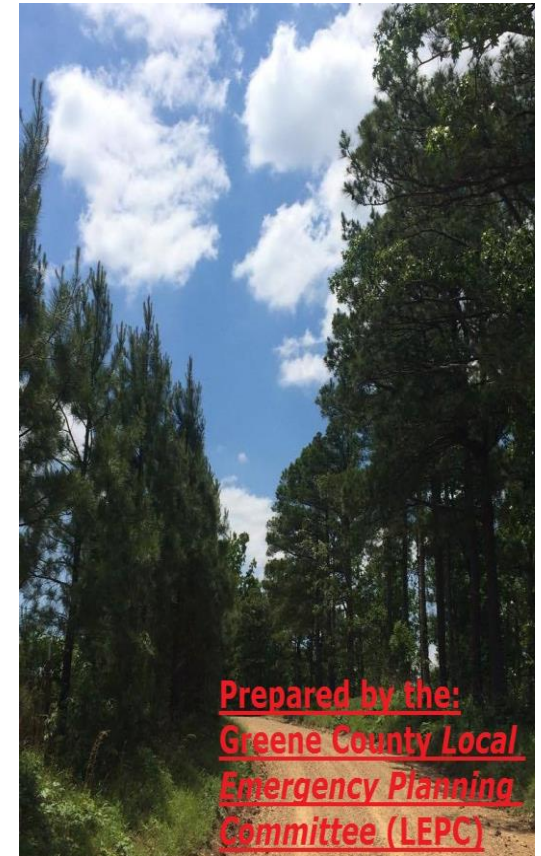
“He who fails to plan is planning to fail.” – Sir Winston Churchill

The Greene County LEPC serves as the link between citizens, industry, and government in promoting planning, training, education, and professional development of its members in order to enhance programs which encourage the safety and health of the residents of Greene County. These initiatives include conducting educational programs to help the public understand safety risks and community rights.

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# Hazards of Greene County

Winter Weather





## Winter Weather

Even though our region of northeast Arkansas usually experiences mild to moderate winters, we can be exposed to major snow and ice storms and extreme cold weather. Each year dozens of Americans die due to exposure to cold. Add to that number vehicle accidents and fatalities, fires due to dangerous use of heaters, and other winter weather fatalities and you have a significant threat.

## Wind Chill

Wind chill is not the actual temperature, but rather how wind and cold feel on exposed skin. As the wind increases, heat is carried away from the body at an accelerated rate, driving down the body temperature. Animals are also affected by wind chill; however, cars, plants and other objects are not.

"Among the famous traitors of history one might mention the weather."

- Ilka Chase

## Prepare Your Car for Winter

Check your antifreeze levels, battery and ignition system, brakes, exhaust system, fuel and air filters, heater and defroster, lights and flashing hazard lights, oil, thermostat, and windshield wiper equipment.

- Make sure the tires have adequate tread. Keep your car's gas tank full for emergency use and to keep the fuel line from freezing.
- Have a winter emergency kit in each vehicle. Include: windshield scraper, small broom, flashlight, battery powered radio, extra batteries, water, snack food, matches, extra hats, socks and mittens, a first aid kit, pocket knife, blankets, booster cables, emergency flares and a fluorescent distress flag.

**Protect your pipes from the freezing weather!**

## When a Winter Storm WARNING is Issued...

- Stay indoors during the storm.
- Do not use cooking stoves or ovens as heat sources.
- Insulate exposed water pipes.
- Know how to shut off water valves in case a pipe bursts.
- If you must go outside, several layers of lightweight clothing will keep you warmer than a single heavy coat.
- Gloves (or mittens) and a hat will prevent loss of body heat.
- Walk carefully on snowy, icy sidewalks.
- Provide plenty of fresh water and food for your pets and make sure they have shelter from the cold.
- Avoid traveling by car in a storm, but if you must, let someone know your destination, your route, and when you expect to arrive. If your car gets stuck along the way, help can be sent along your predetermined route.

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