Winter Heating Backup Plan

Small steps. Practical preparation. Keep this page where you can find it.

PREP HEAT, PARTS & FUEL

- ☐ Find your heater's brand and model number; save it on your phone or by the stove.
- ☐ List wear-prone parts and order needed spares early; store them in a labeled box.
- ☐ Stock dry firewood on an off-ground rack and cover the top while letting sides breathe.
- ☐ Refill propane or restock pellets before the first freeze using approved containers.

BACKUP HEAT & SAFETY

- ☐ Pick a safe backup heat source, read the directions, and test it now, not in a storm.
- ☐ Gather blankets, sleeping bags, hats, and socks in one spot everyone can reach.
- ☐ Choose one room to close off and keep warm if the power goes out.
- ☐ Put a CO alarm on each level, test it, and install fresh batteries.

SAFETY NOTE Never run fuel-burning backup heat without a working CO alarm nearby. Keep fuel out of living spaces, away from flames, sparks, and children, and let engines cool before refueling.

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Full guide: readyguidance.com/preparedness/winter-heating-backup-plan/

Safety reference: https://www.ready.gov/winter-weather