

Action Plan – Emergency Heating

This worksheet is designed to help readers develop an emergency heating action plan using information provided in Chapter 14 (Emergency Heating) of *The Practical Prepper: A Common Sense Guide to Preparing for Emergencies*.

An earthquake shakes your home on a cold, windy January evening. Your home is in relatively good shape with the exception of a few broken windows, no gas, and no electrical power. You are left without electricity for an undetermined amount of time. It may be hours. It may be weeks. How will you keep your family from freezing?

Taking the time to think through various scenarios is not intended to frighten, but provide opportunities to plan for a variety of possible situations. We cannot anticipate every possible crisis; however, with thoughtful planning we will have the knowledge and resources to survive most of them.

The title of this chapter might be emergency heating, but what our real goal is to keep from freezing until life returns to normal. What risks are you preparing for? How long could you be without power? Consider each category on the table below and decide how you can prepare to survive the cold. Then get to work and prepare!

Emergency Heating Action Plan		
Category	Action Item	Completed
Warm clothing		
Blankets and bedding		
Increase home energy efficiency		
Landscape for energy efficiency		

Emergency home preparation		
Plastic sheeting, tape		
Food Storage		
Warm drinks		
Canned soups, stews, chili		
Alternative Heat Sources		
Heating goal = _____ days/weeks/months		
Alternative Heating Appliances		
<i>Example: Wood burning stove</i>	<i>Install stove in family room</i>	
Fuel Type	Amount and Time	
<i>Example: Wood for stove</i>	<i>1 cord for 3 weeks of emergency heating or 4 cords for entire winter</i>	
Safety		
Fire extinguishers		
Carbon monoxide detector		
Smoke alarms		

Be wise – Don't do stupid things!
Use and store fuels safely, legally and according to manufacturer guidelines.