

High-Desert Winter-Prep Checklist

Get your off-grid home, vehicle and supplies ready before winter hits.

The high desert gets cold and snowy. Work through this before the first hard freeze.

Heat & Fuel

- Stock 3–5 cords of seasoned firewood
- Service wood stove and sweep the chimney
- Top off propane tanks
- Backup heat source ready

Water

- Insulate or wrap pipes (heat tape where needed)
- Insulate or skirt water tanks
- Know where your water shutoff is
- Plan to drip faucets on the coldest nights

Vehicle & Roads

- Winter tires or chains
- Keep the gas tank topped off
- Cold-weather emergency kit in the vehicle
- Snow shovel and traction boards

Home & Power

- Seal drafts and add weatherstripping
- Check insulation
- Generator serviced with fuel on hand
- Flashlights, batteries and candles

Supplies & Animals

- Two weeks of food, water and medications

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- Wind shelter for animals
- Pet supplies stocked