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The National Weather Service is observing the week of **November 14th through November 18th, 2011** as **Winter Weather Awareness Week** in Alabama.

In Alabama, winter weather can cause significant property damage, injury, and even death. With the start of each new season, **preparation** is the key to lessening the dangers and hazards associated with winter weather. Please join us in promoting winter weather safety during this year's Winter Weather Awareness Week.

Many people travel throughout the winter months (around the holidays) so it is very important to check the weather ahead of time and be aware of any potential hazards. In addition, having a travel safety kit could save your life!

Below is a list of suggested items to consider in your travel safety kit.

- Batteries
- Blankets
- First Aid Kit
- Pocket Knife
- Tow Rope
- Shovel
- Sand/Cat Litter
- Ice Scraper
- Water/Non-Perishable Food
- Road Maps/Gis Equipment
- Mobile Phone/Charger

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