

WINTER-WEATHER READINESS IS VITAL.

DON'T GET SNOWED THIS SEASON.

Winter is here, and it's time to make sure your home is ready for surviving a dangerous season. Winter-weather readiness is vital so that you don't get snowed this season. Now is the time to have a winter-storm survival kit packed with essentials should you lose power, heat, or access to water. Protect your home now by doing a little planning and preparing for what winter weather can bring.

Did you know that winter storms caused about \$3 billion in insured losses in 2018 according to the Insurance Information Institute? The claims include winter damage and blizzards. Freezing temperatures and wet weather can be disastrous to homes that are unprepared.

Make sure your pipes are prepared for the cold. When water freezes, it expands and can cause pipes to burst. To prevent this from happening, make sure any pipe that is in an area of your home where it cannot get heat is insulated. These are typically found in the garage, basement or near windows or doors. Be sure garden hoses are disconnected from outdoor faucets and do not let your home's temperature drop below 50°F.

Prevention and preparedness are key. Have a winter-storm survival kit prepared just in case. It is not uncommon to lose power during a winter storm, which is why you should consider having a winter-storm survival kit. Winter weather is unpredictable, and you never know when you could be stuck without power. Keep your winter storm survival kit handy and stored in a dry place. Keep a large bucket stocked with items such as: flashlights, first-aid supplies, batteries, portable phone chargers, bottled water, non-perishable food, and blankets. Have some salt or cat litter handy for icy walkaways and bags of sand stored in case of flooding.

You don't want to have to deal with an unexpected water heater problem during winter, either. Flush your hot water tank to remove any built-up sediment. Once complete, place an insulated blanket around the hot water heater to keep it from getting cold. This will help conserve energy, money, and peace of mind.

Call Mac Plumbing at 931–552–5555, and our highly-trained technicians, who are drug-tested and background-checked, can ensure that your equipment is running efficiently and help you explore options that are best suited for you and your home. We can also help with flushing your water heater and ensuring it's ready for the winter months. Help your home avoid getting "snowed" this winter and rest easy knowing you're in the care of the best hands in the business.

ENJOY WOODCRAFTS THIS WINTER

Indoor activities are a must this time of year, but here are a few ideas to help you enjoy making things using wood as the centerpiece.

- **DIY Beads** Upcycle men's vintage shirts to create colorful pieces that can be worn as a necklace or bracelet by wrapping the wooden beads with the fabric and attaching with craft glue. Remember to leave space for the holes. String and wear. Voila!
- Washboard Curio Cabinet Retrofit a medicine cabinet using an old washboard for a cute and unique touch to your home. With a few simple items, you'll have a great statement piece which can also be used as a pint-sized pantry.
- Photo Family Tree Draw and paint a tree on watercolor paper. When fully dry, cut the watercolor paper to fit a shadowbox frame. Add mini clothespins to the branches with hot glue and clip on photos of your loved ones.
- Necklace Hanger Using copper wire, wrap a small piece of driftwood or a tree branch on one end securely and create a triangle as you wrap the other side, so that it attaches to the wall. Cut any lose ends with wire cutters. Hang the beautiful creation adorned with your necklaces and clasp bracelets.

- Wine Cork Mat It takes around 200 wine corks to make this mat, but the simplicity and beauty of it are an elegant touch to any bathroom or kitchen. Cut each cork in half lengthwise and sand the bottoms flat. Arranging the corks into a rectangle, flat side down. Measure and cut a shelf liner to size with a rotary cutter, ruler and cutting mat. Using hot glue, transfer the outer rows of corks to the liner to create a frame. Once in place, glue the remaining corks to the liner.
- Minimalist Vintage Village Using tiny trees, a ceramic house or church, bag of fake snow, and a mini string of battery-operated lights, add them to a glass display box trimmed in wood. This can be used all season long and you can change it up every year with minimal expense.
- Winter Hat Door Hanging Find on old winter hat that you're not using anymore. Turning it upside down, stuff it full of seasonal inspired goodness such as pinecones, faux greenery, decorative picks, and small embellishments carefully held in place with a hot glue gun. Use a chin strap to hang your creation on your wreath hanger.

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"Epitome of professionalism! Work done very well, on time, and at a fair price. Couldn't have gone better."

– James P.

"Awesome company always professional. [Jeff] was amazing and we will always use them!!!!"

- Cindy M.

"I highly recommend Mac Plumbing...
[Eli and Bradley] worked quickly in
locating my tank and cleaning it.
Will definitely use again..."

- Sonia K.



ORANGE WHITE HOT CHOCOLATE

Stay warm this winter with something sweet and comforting. The white chocolate and orange are perfect flavors of the season and can be topped with orange zest, marshmallows, or whipped cream, as well. The milk can be substituted for any dairy free alternative, too.

Ingredients

- 3 1/2 Cups Whole Milk
- 1 tsp Orange Extract
- 1 oz White Chocolate Chips

Instructions

- **1.** Pour milk into a saucepan over medium heat. Cook, stirring constantly until milk starts to bubble (about 5 minutes).
- 2. Reduce heat to low and add white chocolate chips.
- **3.** Cook, stirring continuously until chocolate is fully melted (about 15 minutes).
- 4. Add orange extract. Cook and stir until incorporated (2-3 minutes).
- 5. Remove from heat, pour into mug and enjoy.
- 6. Enjoy immediately or wrap well with plastic wrap until ready to serve.

WINTER FUN WORD SEARCH

In honor of winter, here's a word search! Be the first to complete the word search, and you will receive a \$25 gift certificate to Mac's favorite restaurant!

Mail completed puzzle to:

2968 B East Old Ashland City Rd, Clarksville, TN 37043 or scan & email completed puzzle to:

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LET'S LIVE UNITED THIS WINTER.

Winter has arrived and with it comes casseroles, fireplaces, soups, hot chocolate, blankets, and anything we can use to help warm our bones. We are so fortunate to have our daily needs met, but others aren't so fortunate this bitterly cold season. Our opportunities in life are plentiful, while others lack the minimal everyday needs. While most of us are blessed with a strong life and a strong community, many struggle through challenges related to health, access to education, and financial stability.

Did you know that 15,000 young adults in Orange County are unemployed and living on the streets and 10.2% of Americans are jobless? United Way Worldwide is the largest charity by donations received in the United States. It is comprised of 1300 local affiliates and supports a wide range of other charities.

United Way Worldwide believes we have one life and to live better we must Live United. Their mission is to improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of communities around the world to advance the common good. They are the problem solvers, the hand-raisers, and the game changers. It is time to help United Way Worldwide and assist the millions of other donors, advocates and volunteers who believe change starts here.

If you have a plumbing project that needs a professionallytrained hand to get it done, now is the perfect time for it. Not only will you enjoy the new comforts in your home, but you will also help to join in on the fight to help our communities and others this winter.

Sincerely,



