



## **NOAA WEATHER RADIO:**

NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards (NWR) is a nationwide network of radio stations broadcasting continuous weather information directly from the nearest National Weather Service office. NWR broadcasts official Weather Service warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazard information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Working with the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) Emergency Alert System , NWR is an "All Hazards" radio network, making it your single source for comprehensive weather and emergency information. In conjunction with Federal, State, and Local Emergency Managers and other public officials, NWR also broadcasts warning and post-event information for all types of hazards – including natural (such as earthquakes or avalanches), environmental (such as chemical releases or oil spills), and public safety (such as AMBER alerts or **911 Telephone outages**).

Known as the "Voice of NOAA's National Weather Service," NWR is provided as a public service by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), part of the Department of Commerce. NWR includes 1000 transmitters, covering all 50 states, adjacent coastal waters, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the U.S. Pacific Territories. NWR requires a special radio receiver or scanner capable of picking up the signal. Broadcasts are found in the VHF public service band at these seven frequencies (MHz): **162.400 162.425 162.450 162.475 162.500 162.525 162.550**

*(Editor's note: We had a telephone outage in the Calumet/Keweenaw area on Tuesday/Wednesday Sept. 28/29, 2010, which cut all 911 services from the area, and NOAA weather radio broadcasted safety information from WXK-73 in the Houghton area concerning this break. It started about 8 pm on Tuesday, and was repaired by 9:45am Wednesday)*

## **WINTER SURVIVAL KITS FOR YOUR VEHICLE:**

### Facts

- Each year, hundreds of people find themselves stranded on the roadside.
- Winter weather can kill an unprepared person who is exposed to the elements within minutes.

### Safe Behavior

- Assemble winter survival kits for all of your vehicles. Keep them inside the vehicle where they will be readily accessible. The kit should include:
  - Three-pound coffee can, candle stubs and matches which can be used to melt snow for additional drinking water
  - Metal or plastic cup
  - Red bandanna and a plastic whistle to alert rescuers to your location
  - Pencil and paper
  - First aid kit, including any essential medications

- Plastic flashlight with spare batteries (reverse the batteries to avoid accidental switching and burnout, and replace batteries yearly)
- Two large plastic garbage bags, safety pins (bags are for insulation for feet, safety pins keep the bags together)
- Snack foods for energy, such as candy bars.

•Some other items that you should carry include gloves or mittens, winter boots, a blanket and/or sleeping bag, jumper cables, a basic toolbox, shovel, bag of sand or other grit for traction, tow cable or chain, road flares and reflectors. You could also consider an extra set of dry clothing or a snowmobile suit.

•Whenever traveling in winter, call ahead to your destination and tell when you intend to leave, your travel route, and your expected time of arrival.

•If you become stranded, never leave your vehicle. Your chances of survival greatly increase if you stay put.

•Consider carrying a cellular phone for use during emergencies. Find a safe place to pull off the road when you need to make a call.

### **AND.....RADIO "HAMS"**

1. Be sure you have a working radio in your car cable of working the local repeater(s).
2. If using an HT be sure to have spare batteries or a spare battery pack (charged.)
3. Have a spare (Emergency) antenna system complete with coax.
4. Check your automobile battery and cooling system before winter hits hard.
5. Have an alternate power supply at home, should the commercial A.C. power fail.
6. Know your local radio frequencies where to get help, and the install them in your radios now.
7. Have a list of towing services for the areas in which you travel.
8. When calling 911 on a repeater, be sure to give your exact location.
9. Carry a cell phone with you, pre-programmed with emergency numbers.
10. Know the telephone numbers of your local law enforcement agencies.

### **HAPPY HALLOWEEN:**

Each year members of the local radio clubs provide safety communication for the “little goblins” who are out there. Known as the “Pumpkin Patrol” Check with your local radio clubs if you would like to help in this effort. Remember, these kids are excited about getting their candy, and may not be as watchful as they should be. Please help, if you can, in this effort. It will only take a couple of hours of your time, and you may save some’life.

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**TOWING SERVICES:**

**BARAGA/LANSE AREA**

KEN'S SERVICE 353-6507

**CALUMET/LAURIUM AREA**

HEIKELL'S 24 HOUR TOWING & RECOVERY 337-1542

JOE'S TOWING & RECOVERY 337-6700

TONY'S ANYTIME TOWING AND TAXI 337-0880

TRAIL CREEK MOTORS 337-0880

**HOUGHTON/HANCOCK AREA**

BIG T TOWING 370-1194

COONS TOWING 482-4230

DAVE'S BP/AMOCO TOWING 482-3410

SUPERIOR SERVICE 482-7666

**LAKE LINDEN/HUBBELL AREA**

TORCH LAKE SERVICE 296-3921

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