Extreme cold weather can be hard on both you and your home. Here are some tips to put into practice when freezing weather, snow and ice hit Akwesasne.

INSIDE:

- Open kitchen and bathroom sink cabinets to allow warmer air to circulate to allow warmer air to circulate around plumbing.
- Check that the elderly, infants and those with access and functional needs are in safety and adequately heated dwellings.
- Leave the heat set on at least 55 degrees while away.
- Never use a stove/oven or grill to heat your home.
- Place space heaters on level, hard surfaces at least 3 feet from anything flammable.
- Install and test Carbon Monoxide detectors.
- Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from any heat source like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators or space heaters.
- Plug only 1 heat producing appliance (such as a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.

OUTSIDE:

- Insulate water supply lines that run through unheated areas.
- Caulk cracks and holes in outside walls and foundation near pipes.
- Make sure that all exterior windows and doors are air tight.
- Know where and how to shut off the main water supply.
- Make sure you have sufficient heating fuel in extreme cold temperatures.
- Keep portable generators outside, away from windows and as far away as possible from your home.
- Have a qualified professional clean and enспект your chimney and vents once a year.
- Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container and keep it outside at least 10 feet from your home and nearby buildings.