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Keep Warm and Safe

Frostbite is damage to body tissue caused by extreme cold. A wind chill around -20°F could cause frostbite in just 15 minutes or less. Frostbite causes a loss of feeling and a white or pale appearance in extremities such as fingers, toes, ear tips or the tip of the nose. If symptoms are detected, seek medical care immediately!

Hypothermia is a condition that develops when the body temperature drops below 95°F . It is very deadly. Warning signs include uncontrollable shivering, disorientation, slurred speech and drowsiness. Seek medical care immediately!

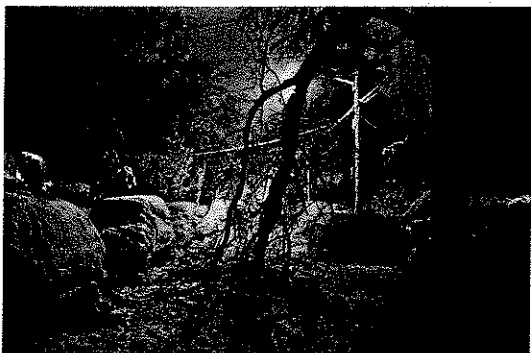
Overexertion is dangerous. Cold weather puts an added strain on the heart. Unaccustomed exercise such as shoveling snow or pushing a car can bring on a heart attack or make an existing medical condition worse.



Pets also need extra care when the temperatures fall. They should be brought inside when the temperature reaches 30°F with wind chill. Dogs and cats can get frost bitten ears, nose and feet if left outside during bitter cold weather. Chemicals used to melt snow and ice can also irritate pets' paws - be sure to keep anti-freeze, salt and other poisons away from pets.

Be Prepared

Some of the dangers associated with winter storms include loss of heat, power and telephone service and a shortage of supplies. To help protect your family, now is the time to put together a disaster supply kit. Here are some items to include:



- Flashlights and extra batteries
- Battery-powered NOAA Weather Radio and a commercial radio
- Bottled water and non-perishable food that requires no cooking
- First-aid supplies
- Fire extinguisher, smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector
- If appropriate, extra medications and baby items
- If you have an emergency heating source such as a fireplace or space heater, make sure you have proper ventilation
- Make sure pets have shelter and plenty of food and water

For additional information, contact your county emergency management office, the National Weather Service or ReadyWisconsin. Tips on winter safety, developing your own personal preparedness plan and building an emergency kit can also be found at the following websites:
www.weather.gov
<http://readywisconsin.wi.gov>

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Des Égouts de Berkeley Boulevard

Paris. We descend below street level to a network of sandstone tunnels begun in the thirteenth century by King Philippe Auguste, improved by leaders from Napoléon to de Gaulle, and now extending to a total of 1,312 miles. In years past, tourists have inspected the tunnels in carts, carriages drawn by a small locomotive, and boats. Today visitors walk along an elevated footpath. What were we there to view? The *Musée des égouts de Paris*, the Paris Sewers Museum, one of the first modern waste and storm water conveyance systems in the world.

We've had a similar experience recently, on a smaller scale, right here in Fox Point. We inspected and toured a small part of *des égouts* of Berkeley Boulevard.

The massive rain event of July 22, 2010 occasioned the investigation. For the first time, we experienced about an inch of sewer backup in our basement. No one else on our cul de sac, or any of our immediate neighbors, had backup issues. Both the Village and the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) have warned about the problems associated with sewer infiltration and inflow (I & I) and encourage property owners to make sure that clear water from downspouts, floor tiles, or sewer laterals is not leaking into the sewer system. MMSD believes that I & I contributes to the failure of the system during severe weather events.

With the able help of Director of Public Works Scott Brandmeier, we reviewed the sanitary sewer plan created when the Village installed our lines in April 1941. (The village inspects and cleans each municipal line every other year.) It turns out that we are the

sewer gatekeepers of our block. An eight-inch clay line conveys discharge south under the middle of the street and then west to Santa Monica Boulevard underneath the northern boundary of our property. Six-inch clay sewer laterals (a property owner responsibility) connect each property to the line. Unlike our neighbors, our lateral extends to the north to connect to the western extension of the line, 15 feet in length.

A plumbing contractor arrived to visualize our lateral. The four-inch access pipe rises from the floor of our basement laundry room. It took some work to get the cap off - it probably had not been removed since the house was built in 1948. It was suspenseful - kind of like Geraldo Rivera blasting open Al Capone's vault. The contractor threaded through the lateral a two-inch plastic tube lit from its tip and containing a camera. A \$14,000 machine connected to the line recorded the inspection. It was our home's first colonoscopy. After 15 feet, the tube entered the village sewer line. This struck us as a somewhat unique way of getting to know our neighbors - although admittedly during our session no memorable effluent floated by.

It turned out we had not contributed to the backup: our lateral was in tip top shape. And while we may not be able to recover the \$275 inspection fee by opening a *musée des égouts de Berkeley Boulevard*, we have taken steps to syndicate our footage and engage the services of an agent. If late night television is ever in need of content, we stand ready to assist.

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