

WINTER IN YANKTON

Yankton Thrive | Relocation Support

Winter weather tends to make new residents nervous when moving into a colder climate from what they are familiar with. One of the biggest hurdles is not knowing what to expect. The good news is that here in Yankton, it is not as bad as you may think and we are here to help you through it!

Local Winter Recommendations (Events, Activities, Resources)

[Hockey and Ice Skating](#)
[Summit Activity Center \(Pool\)](#)

[Indoor Archery](#)

[Community Library Events](#)

[The Center](#)

[Snowshoe L&C](#)

[Cross Country Skiing](#)

[Sledding at Morgen Park or](#)

[Gavin's Point Dam](#)

[Ice Fishing](#)

[Soup Kitchen Community Gatherings](#)

[Our Lady of Guadalupe Events](#)

[Get Your Jingle On](#)

[Hall of Trees](#)

[Holiday Festival of Lights](#)



January is Yankton's Coldest Month
Average High 32 degrees F / Low 3
degrees F

February is Yankton's Snowiest Month
Annual Snowfall is 35" (almost 3 feet)



These winter statistics don't keep local
residents from loving the life they live
in Yankton!

Fun Snow Day Ideas:

Hot Chocolate Creations

Build A Snowman

Sledding

Ice Skating

Snowball Fight

Make Snow Cream

Snow Angels

Find Animal Tracks in the Snow



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Winter Car Kit

During the winter months, it may be advantageous for you to have a kit of key items in your car to be prepared until help arrives if you end up in a predicament.

- Shovel
- Windshield scraper with brush
- Traction Mats/Kitty Litter/Sand
- First-aid kit
- Blanket
- Extra winter clothes
- Hand Warmers
- Matches and Tin Can
- Flashlight
- Batteries
- Water
- Food
- Jumper Cables
- Road flares/Reflectors
- Car Charger for Phone



Sand bags are useful in trucks to weigh down the back end and help get traction.



Tire chains are not used in our part of SD.

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

It is easy to complain about how cold it is outside and barricade yourself indoors for the winter months but that is not necessary! Just as you would for summer, dress for the weather. This means, layering and wearing wool. Invest in proper winter clothing. Hats and gloves become a standard.



THE WINTER BLUES

Winter can be harder on some than others. It is important to find ways to be happy and healthy throughout winter months, no matter where you live. Try these tips to keep the winter blues at bay.



Exercise Daily
Fresh Air
Light Therapy
Vitamin D



Regular Social Interaction
Activities You Enjoy
See a Professional

Question:

Do we still go to work and school if there is winter weather?

Answer:

For the most part, yes. It does depend some on employer and weather but Yankton is capable and prepared to manage roadways in winter weather so daily life is not drastically hindered every time it snows.

Learn more about snow removal and street maintenance in Yankton [HERE](#)!

Find school and community weather-related delays by listening to [KYNT](#) and [KVHT](#) on the radio, or find school closings [HERE](#).



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Winter Boots 101

A warm hat on your head and good boots on your feet are a priority during the winter months. If you've never had to buy a pair of proper snow boots before, it may be intimidating because there are so many options at varying prices. Here are our tips:

Warmth: Winter boots have a temperature rating. Consider what activities you will be doing in them to determine what level may be ideal. Are you running errands? Or are you out ice fishing?

Tread: Make sure your boots are not flat and smooth bottomed. You need to have a decent tread.

Waterproof: Must have! The only thing worse than cold feet is cold and WET feet.

*Start with one all-purpose pair to give yourself a baseline to determine the best boot for you to be happy and healthy in the winter!



Question:

DO I NEED A SHOVEL AND SNOW BLOWER?

Answer:

YES, YOU NEED A SHOVEL. THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT STYLES AND YOU NEED TO FIND ONE THAT FITS YOUR PHYSICAL PREFERENCES. YOU MAY END UP BUYING A COUPLE DIFFERENT ONES TO FIND THE RIGHT FIT.

NO, YOU DON'T NECESSARILY NEED TO BUY A SNOW BLOWER. THAT WILL DEPEND ON HOW MUCH SPACE YOU NEED TO CLEAR SNOW FROM AND HOW COMFORTABLE YOU WILL BE DOING SO. SNOW WILL NEED TO BE CLEARED FROM YOUR SIDEWALKS AND DRIVEWAY. IF YOU RENT HOUSING, ASK YOUR LANDLORD WHAT THEY TAKE CARE OF.



Find your winter essentials locally at [Ace Hardware!](#)

Keep a look
out for
SUN DOGS



Learn more
HERE!

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My Winter Bucket List

*Be intentional about how you spend your time in the winter.
Do a little research to find events, activities and places that
interest you and would be a good fit to explore in the winter!*

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