

# HOW TO SUPPORT UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS DURING THE WINTER MONTHS

## SHARE INFORMATION

Help neighbors find open warming shelters and overnight shelters during cold weather. Learn more about warming centers and find shelter facilities at [denvergov.org/findshelter](https://denvergov.org/findshelter).

[2-1-1](#) is a great resource that connects people to basic needs assistance like food, shelter, rental assistance, childcare, and more across Metro Denver.

## MUTUAL AID

A community is always stronger when we stand together and mutual aid is all about community. Mutual aid is the reciprocal exchange of resources between community members. Mutual aid groups could collect and redistribute money, provide foods and essentials, open a community garden, etc.

You can find multiple mutual aid groups for different causes around the Denver Metro area. One example is [Mutual Aid Monday](#) who work with our neighbors experiencing homelessness.



## WINTER SURVIVAL KITS

Winter survival kits are a packet of essentials that help people experiencing homelessness survive the dangerously cold weather.

Some items that may be helpful to have in a winter survival kit:

- hats & gloves
- RTD passes
- scarves
- socks
- underwear
- hand warmers
- emergency blankets
- shampoo/conditioner
- body wash
- toothbrush/toothpaste
- hand lotion
- lip balm

Adding a \$5 gift card to Starbucks, McDonalds, etc. is a great way to provide food and a place to warm up.

Though not winter specific, snacks are welcome:

- rice crispy treats
- peanut butter or cheese crackers
- instant coffee or cocoa packets
- pretzels or peanuts
- fruit chews or gummy bears
- cup o noodles
- bottled water

If you'd like to help the Coalition better assist our neighbors during the winter, buy winter care package items through our [Amazon wish list](#).

Please contact John Saint, Manager of Volunteer Services & In-Kind Giving, to coordinate donation dropoffs, [JSaint@coloradocoalition.org](mailto:JSaint@coloradocoalition.org).