

"IT'S 38" ≠ THE APOCALYPSE
(and yes, we may still buy all the bread)



Georgia Winter Survival Guide ❄️ for People Who Own a *House* Now

A lovingly cheeky, actually-useful checklist for the season when Atlanta closes schools over... vibes. Keep this on the fridge. Or laminate it. Or frame it as a reminder that we're not built for "real winter."

1) The "It Might Freeze" Reality Check

NORMAL™ CHAOS

Georgia winter = 70° one day, 29° the next. (We're all just doing our best.) Your home just wants consistency and so do your pipes.

🔧 Pipe Drama Prevention

When temps dip below 32°F, open under-sink cabinets on exterior walls and let faucets drip *slowly*. It's not wasteful—it's cheaper than a burst pipe.

🔥 HVAC: Don't Let It Be the Main Character

Change filters every 1–3 months. If heat is running nonstop, check filter + vents first. Bonus points: schedule a tune-up before the first cold snap (aka "Wednesday").

💧 Water Heater: The Silent Workhorse

Lukewarm showers? Try turning up the set point to 120°F (not "volcano"). If it's older, watch for rust, leaks, and weird noises—those are ✨plot twists ✨.

🌧️ Gutters: Your Roof's Tiny Security Team

Clean leaves before heavy rain. Clogs can cause water to back up under shingles. Pro tip: your roof does not enjoy surprise indoor waterfalls.

✅ Find your main water shutoff

Practice once now so you don't do a panic scavenger hunt later.

✅ Test smoke + CO detectors

Winter = heaters + fireplaces + "I haven't used this in years." Be safe.

2) Atlanta Winter Preparedness Scale

LOW DRAMA • HIGH READINESS

Where you are vs. where you *think* you are.

How serious is "cold"?

GA WEATHER MATH

A scientific chart (made up, but emotionally accurate).



Translation: If there's ice on bridges, it's totally okay to stay home. Not because you can't drive—because **someone else** might be out there treating bald tires like a personality trait.

🛒 The Great Bread & Milk Migration

Stock a small "storm kit" instead (no judgment): flashlight + batteries, phone charger, bottled water, and snacks that don't require an oven you can't start.

🔥 Fireplace / Space Heater Rules

Keep heaters 3 feet from anything flammable. Clean chimney if you use the fireplace. And please don't run a space heater on a power strip. Ever.

🧰 Tiny Toolbox, Big Confidence

Have a basic kit: adjustable wrench, pliers, duct tape, a bucket, and a wet/dry vac. Congratulations—you've unlocked "responsible adult" status in the group chat.