

WINTER IN CANADA! The Good, the Bad, the Cold ...

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In this video, we want to show you how life is like in the winter here in Canada.

So cold!

One of the things people ask us about all the time is how we survive the winters in Canada.

It can get really cold up here depending on where you are.

Where I grew up, we got as low as -50, I've heard of temperatures reaching -70 in the Arctic, and on average, we probably get -25, which is pretty cold, so people from warmer climates especially, always ask us how we survive.

One of them is Karla's dad, he doesn't get how it works.

How do the pipes not freeze?

How do you stay warm at night?

How do you get to work? and how we don't freeze just stepping out the door?

Every house in Canada has a heater.

That's how we make it through the winter time.

This is the thermostat, which is how we control the heat. {images thermostats}

So even though the outside right now is -20, inside it is +23, and the heat comes up through all of these vents that are all over the house and without them, I don't think we'd make it.

Thanks to the heat, you can pretty much wear anything inside your house.

You can even be naked and you're going to be nice and cozy.

But when you go outside, you need to be prepared, so first thing, you need to have a nice jacket that keeps you warm.

Most of the jackets are made with down because it's a good insulator, then you need a scarf to keep your neck warm and so the cold doesn't go in, and when it's very cold, you can cover your nose and mouth from the cold and wind.

A toque and gloves. {images toque} {images ear muffs}

So, one of the first parts that get cold for you is your ears and your fingers.

So it's nice to have them covered, and also your toes.

So, if you can have winter shoes, that's the best.

They're waterproof, so when there's snow outside, they don't get wet and then your feet get wet and cold. {images rubber winter boots}{images rubbers overshoes}{images parkas hoods}

So that's nice.

And for those days that are very, very, very cold, you just dress in layers.

And some of those layers are like special underwear that have special technology to keep you warm as well. {images long underwear}

So, now that we're ready, we can take Maya for a walk.

Maya is a rescue dog from Cuba, and even our doggies need a coat to keep themselves warm, isn't that right, Maya?

It's cold, look.

In Canada, we have to be prepared for the winter, so of course when it snows a lot, you wouldn't be able to get out of your house, you wouldn't be able to drive your car, so the city actually has special trucks that come and clear the snow, and then we're responsible for our own house, so this is called a shovel. {images snow plows}

Basically, you scoop up the snow like that and throw it to the side. {images snow blowers}

That's how you get out of your house.

And then, we're also responsible for the sidewalk in front of the house, so no one else slips.

Then we have an ice-pick, so sometimes there's actually ice underneath the snow, so then you have to scrape it up like that.

Sometimes you have a broom if you want to really be clean about it.

And then if there's too much ice, we have salt or other kinds of chemicals, sometimes there are even lava rocks now, you put those down and that helps to melt the ice so you don't slip and fall.

So, this is kind of like daily life in the winter time and especially when you own a house.

Then you'll see here that we have a plug-in. (electrical socket)

Something we do here is we actually plug in the cars, this is just an extension cord, basically there's a plugin, we won't be able to find it right now because it's under the trunk, but you plug in the car and basically keeps the engine warm, otherwise sometimes when it gets -30 or -40, your car doesn't start. (if you drive to work and it is really cold you should start your car on your lunch hour to warm it up)

And then you're stuck, so that helps make that happen, and then of course, as you can imagine, sometimes you wake up to go to work in the morning and your car is covered in

snow.

So we just got a fresh snowfall and this is what the vehicle looks like in the morning. So it's not actually that cold today, it's probably +, I mean -5 or something, but this is what we gotta do in the mornings before going to work, or every time it snows.

It's actually a lot of snow.

Look at that.

Is it heavy?

No, it's like a light snow. (light snow vs. heavy snow; with heavy, wet snow (near 0 C) you can make snowballs and snowmen, but not with dry, light snow because the snow does not stick together)

So, show them the item that you remove the snow with.

I think it's called a snow-brush.

But it basically has one side for taking off the snow like I've been doing, and this one is if there's ice on the windshield, so on a colder day, you might get some ice so then you gotta shave the ice off, or else you can't see out of the windshield.

Winter not only brings low temperatures but also a lot of fun activities. {images snowmobiles} {images snowshoes} {images snow angels} (thin ice is very dangerous!)

One of the things I love about winter is the snow!

We hope you enjoyed this video and that we answered your question about what Canada is like in the winter time.

If you have any other questions about Canada, please leave them in the comments below and we'll try to answer them.

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