



Power Outages

When the Power Goes Out

- Check the circuit breakers to see if a breaker switch is tripped.
- Stay away from any downed electric lines.
- Have a family household disaster plan that includes a meeting place.

Basic emergency kit - Prepare for at least 72 hours

- Emergency plan.
- Contact information.
- Water - at least two gallons of water per person per day.
- Food that won't spoil, such as canned food, energy bars and dried foods (replace the food and water once a year).
- Manual can opener.
- Battery powered flashlight.
- Battery powered radio.
- Batteries.
- First aid kit.
- Prescription medications, infant formula and equipment for people with disabilities.
- Ice chest and blue ice freezer packs.
- Extra keys to your car and house.
- Cash in small bills.
- Candles and matches.
- Extra clothing and footwear.
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket.
- A whistle.
- Garbage bags for personal sanitation.
- Toilet paper and other personal care supplies.
- Safety gloves.
- Basic tools (hammer, pliers, wrench, screwdrivers, fasteners, safety gloves).
- Small fuel driven stove and fuel.

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Power Outages continued:

Keep these tips in mind:

- If you are outside, move indoors.
- Notify your electric company in advance if you use life support equipment.
- Do not call 9-1-1 UNLESS there is an emergency, if someone is injured or in danger.
- Do not go near downed power lines. Call 9-1-1 first, then the electric company to report the emergency.
- Evacuate immediately if you smell gas.
- Turn off computers, TVs, stereos and other unnecessary electronic equipment at the power strip to avoid a power surge when the electricity returns.
- Avoid opening the refrigerator and freezer as much as possible. Frozen food is generally safe to eat if there are still ice crystals on it. Wrap blankets around the appliances to provide extra insulation.
- Do not use cooking grills or fuel-powered generators indoors as they emit carbon monoxide, which is deadly.
- Candles used for light pose a risk of fire.
- Check on elderly neighbors or those who may have medical conditions. Air conditioners should be turned off during power outages. Do not turn them back on for several minutes after the power has been restored.
- Drive carefully. Traffic signals may be out. Consider each intersection to be a four-way stop.

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