

POWER OUTAGE CHECKLIST

Are you prepared?

A power outage can occur unexpectedly and may disrupt water, cause food to spoil, close businesses, and prevent the use of medical devices. Use our checklist to help stay safe when a power outage threatens!

Prepare NOW

Take an inventory now and set aside items such as: flashlights, battery-powered radio, candles, blankets, first-aid kit, nonperishable foods, and drinking water.

Protect electrical items such as TV's and computers, with a voltage surge protector.

Sign up for alerts and warning systems and keep a list of emergency numbers.

Keep cell phones and other electric equipment charged.

Plan for batteries and other alternatives to meet your needs.

Survive DURING

Use food supplies that do not require refrigeration. Keep the door closed and move items into the freezer.

Call your utility company to report the outage and advise them if you use any emergency medical equipment.

Unplug most lights and appliances to prevent electrical overload.

Open faucets for a constant drip so pipes won't freeze.

DO NOT run a generator indoors or near an open window.

Check with neighbors to see if their power is out.

Be Safe AFTER

Wait a few minutes before turning on lights, and plug in appliances one at a time.

When in doubt, throw it out! Food that has been exposed to temperatures 40 degrees or higher for two hours or more should be discarded.

If the power is out for more than a day, discard any medication that should be refrigerated, unless the drug's label says otherwise.