



Power Outage Preparedness Tips

- ✓ Assemble an emergency storm kit, including a battery-powered radio, flashlight, a first-aid kit, battery-powered or windup clock, extra batteries, phone battery backup charger, an insulated cooler, candles, blankets, and a list of important and emergency phone numbers.
- ✓ Keep at least a three-day supply of non-perishable foods and bottled water. Have a hand-operated can opener available. Also, plan for cooking outdoors.
- ✓ Consider tasks and or leisure at an appropriate air-conditioned store or facility.
- ✓ Have a cooler on hand you can put ice in to help preserve food if it's a prolonged outage.
- ✓ Protect your electronic equipment. Unplug sensitive electronics or plug computers and other sensitive equipment into surge protectors. Consider an uninterruptible power supply for temporary battery backup power.
- ✓ If you have a medical condition, plan ahead and have backup oxygen available and/or battery backup system ready at home.
- ✓ Have adequate prescription medicine and infant supplies on hand.
- ✓ If you or someone you know uses life-support equipment that requires electricity, identify a location with emergency power capabilities, and have a backup plan.
- ✓ Generator: If you have medical equipment or work from home that requires power during a blackout, consider buying or checking your power generator.
- ✓ Have window shades to keep heat outside.
- ✓ Weatherize: Weatherize your windows and door seals. Insulate pipes: Insulate pipes, especially those in cabinets and outside adjacent walls.
- ✓ Heater: Install a secondary non-electric heater, like a fireplace or wood stove.