



Safety Tips:

Power Outages

Be prepared

- Have water, food, medications, and pet supplies for at least 3 days or 72 hours.
- Charge cell phones and other devices. Think about buying a power bank to charge devices.
- Have battery-powered lights (flashlights, lanterns, flameless candles), glowsticks, or a wind-up radio.
- Check the supplies in your [emergency kit](#), to make sure they still work and any food is still safe.
- Think about adding blankets or sleeping bags to your emergency kit.

During a power outage

- Turn off appliances and leave 1 light on so you can see when the power comes back on.
- Use battery-powered lights (like flashlights, lanterns, flameless candles) and glow sticks). Avoid candles, which are a fire risk.
- Use BBQs, generators, or camp stoves outdoors only. This is the only place they are safe to use.
- Open your fridge or freezer only when you have to.
- Check local media for updates.

After a power outage

- Wait 10 to 15 minutes after the power comes back on before turning on other lights, tools, or appliances.
- Don't try to shut off electricity if there is floodwater. Call your power company first.
- Throw out spoiled food.
- Reset clocks, timers and alarms.
- Restock your emergency kit.