



KEEPING YOUR FAMILY AND HOME SAFE

PREPARING FOR POWER OUTAGES

While an exception to the rule, major storms can cause complex and far-reaching power outages that are not as easy to restore. While we can't predict or control the weather, by taking the time to prepare in advance, you can reduce the impact of a prolonged power outage on you and your family.

Gutters should be kept free from debris to prevent clogging.

An emergency kit should have supplies for at least 72 hours, including a first aid kit, water, non-perishable foods, a flashlight and radio, with fresh batteries.

Landscaping outside a basement wall should be designed so that soil slopes away from the house. Surface drainage should be directed away from window wells, exterior stairwells, and decks.

A sump pump backup system that can run for at least 72 hours will help prevent water damage.

Waterproof your basement to prevent flooding by adding a waterproof caulking compound to cracks in the wall.

An emergency plan should include a designated meeting place and a list of important information for you and your family members, including medical conditions, allergies, medications, insurance information, key contacts, and pet information if applicable.

A generator can provide power to keep the lights on, your food cold and your devices charged.

BE READY. STAY CONNECTED.

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