



Power outages may impact your community for extended periods of time. A power outage is when your electrical power goes out unexpectedly. Power loss could disrupt communications, water service, and transportation. Many local businesses, grocery stores, gas stations, pharmacies, and banks may not be able to provide regular services due to loss of power. Some medical devices may not work without power.

Power loss safety tips

- Televisions, computer equipment, and washers/dryers, game consoles, fans, lights, etc, should be unplugged, especially if they were in use when the power went out
- If you are using a generator, only use outside and away from windows
- Never use a gas stove to heat your home
- Use surge protectors
- Solar landscape lights provide hours of low-level lighting, so you can save your flashlight batteries for tasks that require more light
- Keep your refrigerator/freezer cold by keeping the doors closed to keep your food as cold as possible
- Do NOT use your grill inside your garage or to heat your house
- Never taste food to determine if safe to consume - **When in doubt, throw it out!**
- Report power outages to your local officials so they can begin to fix and restore power
- If driving, be prepared for four-way stops if traffic lights are out or blinking



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