



Power Outage Preparation

Before a Power Outage

- Build or restock your emergency preparedness kit, including a flashlight, batteries, cash, and first aid supplies.
- Have canned food and other food that does not require power to prepare on hand. Make sure you have alternative charging methods for your phone or any device that requires power. Charge cell phones and any battery powered devices.
- Purchase ice or freeze water-filled plastic containers to help keep food cold during a temporary power outage.
- Keep your car's gas tank full, as gas stations rely on electricity to power their pumps. If you use your car to re-charge devices, do NOT keep the car running in a garage, partially enclosed space, or close to a home, this can lead to carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Learn about local emergency plans and advice for shelter-in-place preparation by visiting our Regional Emergency Management Organization (REMO) at www.emergencymeasures.ca.
- If you rely on anything that is battery-operated or power dependent like a medical device determine a back-up plan.

During a Power Outage

- Use flashlights for emergency lighting, candles can cause fires.
- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed. Most food requiring refrigeration can be kept safely in a closed refrigerator for several hours. An unopened refrigerator will keep food cold for about 4 hours. A full freezer will keep the temperature for about 48 hours. (Depending on the length of outage, some may need to be thrown out afterwards.)
- Put on layers of warm clothing if it is cold outside. Never burn charcoal for heating or cooking indoors. Never use your oven as a source of heat. If the power may be out for a prolonged period, plan to go to another location (the home of a relative or friend, or a public facility) that has heat to keep warm.
- Turn off or disconnect appliances and other equipment in case of a momentary power "surge" that can damage computers and other devices. Consider adding surge protectors.
- Only use generators away from your home and NEVER run a generator inside a home or garage, or connect it to your home's electrical system.
- **The Town's after hours emergency phone number is 902-527-0150.** For fire/RCMP/ambulance, please call 911.
- In an outage, information will be posted to Facebook/Twitter as we have it. Please note that social media is not manned 24/7, so if you have a time-sensitive issue please call one of the numbers above.