



POWER OUTAGES

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Power Outage Preparation

Rain, wind, snow and ice are the main cause of power outages. Fall and winter weather also brings an increased likelihood of power lines being knocked down by the wind and trees.

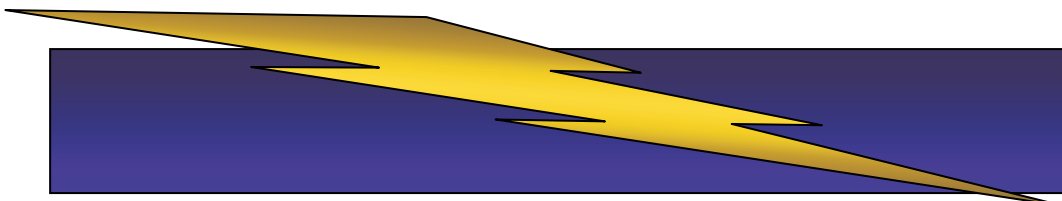
Please remember that power outages can occur anytime of the year, for any number of reasons. If you are prepared for an outage it is much easier to endure. Plan ahead and make sure you have the following items on hand:

- **Canned/package food**
 - **Fresh water (bottled)**
 - **Blankets for warmth**
 - **Battery-operated radio with batteries (monitor for news & information)**
 - **Flashlight with fresh batteries**
 - **Make sure you back-up supplies & systems for home life support needs**
- Remember that cordless phones won't work when the power goes out. Have at least one cord phone or cell phone available for use during power outages.
 - Know who to manually operate your garage door. If power is lost your garage door opener will not work.

Important advice to follow during a power outage:

- **Stay away from downed lines** and never touch objects that are in contact with downed lines.
- **Report a power outage immediately** and any evidence of what may have caused it (downed lines, loud noise, flash of light, trees on lines, etc.) Please **do not call 911** to report your power is out, call **Utah Power Toll Free: 1-877-548-3768**
- After an outage has begun, we recommend that you **unplug appliances that will come on automatically (refrigerator, pump, etc.) once the power is restored.**
- **Unplug any equipment with electronic circuitry**—computer, television, microwave—which could be damaged by voltage fluctuations that could occur when power is restored.
- **Do not open the refrigerator/ freezer when power is off.** A refrigerator keeps food cold for a few hours during an outage, while food in the freezer can stay frozen for two-to-three days—but the door must remain closed. A full freezer keeps food frozen longer than a half-full one. Wait until the power has been restored to open these doors and evaluate your food.
- **Disconnect or turn off appliances** that were on during the power outage. Leave a light on inside and outside your home so both you and your neighbors will know when the power has been restored.
- **Be prepared to cook outside** on a grill or camp stove. Never bring a grill indoors. Without proper ventilation, grills can be deadly.

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