POWER OUTAGES DON'T BE LEFT IN THE DARK!

PREPARING FOR A POWER OUTAGE

- Take inventory of items you need that rely on electricity
- Plan for batteries/alternative power sources to meet your needs
- Have flashlights handy
- Talk to your healthcare provider about a power outage plan for medical devices powered by electricity and refrigerated medicines
- Have enough non-perishable food and water
- Install carbon monoxide detectors with battery backup in central locations on every level of your home

DURING A POWER OUTAGE

- Keep freezers & refrigerators closed!
 - Refrigerators will keep food cold for about 4 hours
 - A full freezer will keep the temperature for about 48 hours
 - Use coolers with ice if necessary
 - Throw out food if the temperature is 40 degrees or higher
- Use a generator ONLY outdoors, and away from windows
- Do NOT use a gas stove or oven to heat your home
- Disconnect appliances and electronics
- Find out where heating and cooling locations are

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