

## Outage Preparation

To be prepared for an outage, you need to gather these supplies before an outage occurs. These are good to have in case of any emergency.

- ✓ Flashlight and extra batteries
  - ✓ Battery-powered weather radio and portable radio
  - ✓ Plenty of bottled water
  - ✓ High energy foods that don't require refrigeration or cooking, such as dried fruit, nuts, granola bars, cereals and canned goods
  - ✓ Manual can opener
  - ✓ A week's supply of medicine
  - ✓ First aid supplies
  - ✓ Individually wrapped moist wipes for hand cleaning
  - ✓ Extra baby items
  - ✓ Sleeping bags, blankets and pillows
  - ✓ Books and games to keep kids occupied
  - ✓ ABC fire extinguisher
  - ✓ Shelter for pets – food and water
  - ✓ Switch off lights and appliances to prevent overloading circuits and damaging appliances when power is restored. Leave one lamp or switch on to signal when your power returns
  - ✓ To prevent water pipes from freezing, keep faucets turned on slightly so water drips from the tap
1. If you or a family member relies on life-support equipment, make sure your electric cooperative is aware of this and possible shelter options are explored.
  2. Make sure a fuel-burning space heater and or wood stove operates properly – and that you have enough fuel on hand.
  3. Check the batteries, and test all smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms in your home.
  4. If you have an electric garage door opener, it won't work during a power outage, so make sure you know how to open the door manually.

