



# PREPARE FOR AN EMERGENCY

## Power Outage

Power outages can happen at any time of year. They often happen without warning and can last a few hours or even days at a time.

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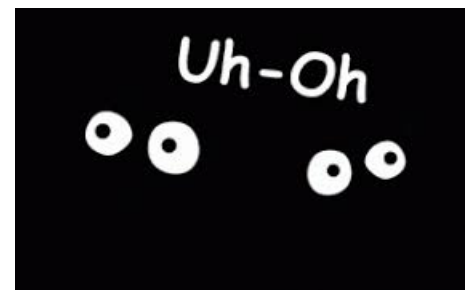
- Keep a 72-hour emergency kit at home in case you lose power for several days. Make sure it includes a battery-operated radio and flashlight and back up batteries.
- Check that any backup heating units are in good working order and properly vented.
- Make sure you have a phone that does not need power to operate (cordless phones will not work without power). Keep your mobile phone fully charged.
- Consider getting a properly-sized standby generator for your home.
- Have a working carbon monoxide (CO) detector in your home. This will help protect you against carbon monoxide poisoning, as CO is a colourless, odourless, toxic, flammable gas. CO comes from the incomplete burning of natural gas and any other material containing carbon such as gasoline, kerosene, oil, propane or wood. CO poisoning can still happen if you have opened your window or garage door.

### DURING A POWER OUTAGE

- If your power goes out, call NB Power at 1-800-663-6272 or report it online at “Stay away from downed power lines”. Stay at least 10 (ten)-metres away from them and anything that they touch (trees, puddles, vehicles, etc.).
- Be extremely careful with generators, BBQs, camping stoves and propane or kerosene heaters to avoid putting yourself and your family at risk.
- Never run a generator inside your home, garage, or near a window/air intake outside of your house. Follow the manufacturer’s instructions when using a generator.
- Never use a BBQ, camping stove or propane heater inside your house or garage.
- Turn off electrical appliances and electronic equipment to prevent damage when power is restored. Leave one light on inside and one on outside, so both you and the power crews know when power has been restored.

### FOLLOW THESE FOOD SAFETY TIPS

- Use the food that will spoil quickly.
- Keep the doors to the refrigerator and freezer closed as much as possible. Foods can remain frozen in fully loaded freezers for up to 24 (twenty-four) to 36 (thirty-six) hours when the door is kept closed.
- Use coolers filled with snow or ice to keep food cold outside of the fridge.
- Be careful of storing food outside, even in the winter, as it can attract animals and temperatures can vary and cause food to become warm enough to grow bacteria.



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