Power Outages: Home
What to do when the power goes out.

**Prepare for power outages.**

- Never use gas ovens, gas ranges, barbecues or portable or propane heaters inside. They create carbon monoxide which can cause suffocation.
- Register life-sustaining and medical equipment with your utility company.
- Add blocks or bags of ice.
- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed. Use up foods that spoil rapidly first.
- Create an emergency kit with a battery-powered radio, light sources and extra batteries.
- Be careful with food stored outside. Temperatures change, and when food warms up bacteria can grow. Secure foods to prevent contamination by animals.
- Throw out meat, seafood, dairy products and cooked food that’s no longer cold. Don’t taste food to see if it’s safe. If in doubt, throw it out.