

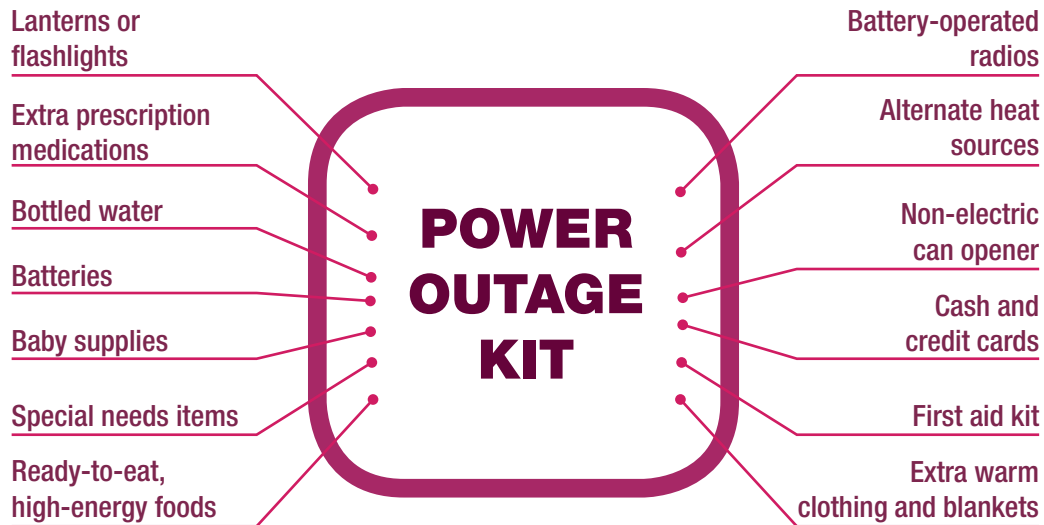


Power outages can happen at any time, and it's important to be prepared.

PREPARING FOR POWER OUTAGES

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Have a 72 hour emergency kit ready. Your kit should include:



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Check your main electric panel and breaker. A blown fuse or tripped breaker can shut off your power. A quick inspection can help you determine whether one or more breaker switches may be 'off.' If you move a tripped switch to the 'off' position and then 'on' position, you can restore power.

3

Turn off or unplug appliances or equipment. Sensitive equipment, electronics, and appliances should be unplugged during an outage and only plugged back in after power has been restored. Appliances that were 'on' when power was lost can sometimes be forgotten during an outage and become a serious safety hazard.

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Preserve heat, where possible. Close blinds or drapes and avoid opening doors to keep heat from escaping. Since most furnaces require electricity to operate, cold weather outages can make staying warm a priority. **Do not use outdoor barbecues, kerosene, or camping heaters indoors, as they emit carbon monoxide.**