

UTILITY OUTAGE

A utility outage is a situation where commodities such as electricity, water or gas service are interrupted.

In general, you should take the following protective actions:

Keep a battery-powered radio and flashlight; have an extra supply of fresh batteries.

Store essential supplies, such as, flashlights, batteries, a portable radio, water, non- perishable foods, blankets and a manual can-opener.

DO NOT use charcoal indoors! Without proper ventilation, fumes from burnt charcoal can cause a deadly situation.

If the air conditioner is not functioning, (during summer months) stay cool by keeping out of direct sunlight and moving to the lowest floor of the building.

Use food supplies wisely. Use refrigerated foods first, frozen foods second and non- perishable foods last.

Remember that perishable items from the refrigerator can be kept cool for about 4 hours if the refrigerator is left closed.

Learn how to safely and properly switch on/off gas valves, water lines, circuit breakers, once utilities have been restored.

For power outages or downed wires, call your utility company.