

Winter Power Outage Emergency

Check List

Winter Emergency Scenario:

A power outage has occurred throughout your region that may last for days or weeks. Temperatures have dropped below zero and are predicted to last for over a week. Businesses, stores, banks, schools, gas stations have closed. Emergency services are overwhelmed.

Check list – for protecting your family and home during the above emergency.

- Protect your water pipes from freezing. *Options:*
 - #1 If you have water service, use continuous water flow through system.
 - #2 With no water, provide heat to the plumbing areas of your home or . . .
 - #3 Winterize your system by draining water from your plumbing.

- Select a portion of your home that you can seal off, heat, and make into a comfortable living area (*campout in that room of your house*).

- Set-up a safe heat source in your living area.
 - Indoor propane heater
 - Indoor kerosene heater

- Cover windows and doors of living area with insulation to conserve heat (*blankets, pillows, rugs, towels or cardboard, bubble wrap*)

- Set-up night-time lighting – battery lanterns, liquid wax lamps, large candles in glass containers or fuel operated lanterns (*need some ventilation*).

- Set-up cooking area
 - Propane or white gas camp stoves may need some ventilation (*blue flame safest*).
 - Barbeque must be used outdoors (*propane tank may need to be warmed*).

- Protect your stored water, canned foods, and computers from freezing. You may have to move them into your living area.

- Set-up sleeping area, possibly on the floor using the mattresses from your bedrooms. Smaller children and infants can sleep with parents.

- Play family games, have FUN, make MEMORIES!