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Last Minute Preparations Before a Storm

When a known disaster is likely to knock out your services

It's wise to make last minute preparations if a serious storm is predicted to hit your area. The following is a check-list of things you may want to do, knowing there is a good possibility of losing power and other services for an extended period of time.

- ☐ Fill your vehicle's **gas** tanks (*highest octane for best mileage*)
- ☐ Fill your **propane** tanks (*maybe pick up an extra full tank*)
- ☐ Fill your bathtub with **water** (*add a splash of bleach and cover with a plastic sheet*)
- ☐ **Charge battery operated devices** (*phones, lap tops, power tools, etc.*)
- ☐ Purchase needed **batteries** (*flash lights, head lamps, lanterns, radio, etc.*)
- ☐ Secure your **property** (*secure windows, tie down or move loose yard items, etc.*)

Purchase key food items that do not depend on refrigeration:

- ☐ Canned meats (*tuna in oil, sardines in oil, chicken, ham, clams, SPAM, etc.*)
- ☐ Canned meals (*hardy soups, chili, beef stew, etc.*)
- ☐ Crackers (*Ritz, saltine, triscuits, goldfish, hardtack, etc.*)
- ☐ Dry Fruit (*apples, mango, apricots, raisins, etc.*)
- ☐ Peanut butter (*also roasted canned peanuts, mixed nuts, etc.*)
- ☐ Cooking Oil (*4 large containers; adds valuable calories*)

Check with your neighbors especially widows, handicapped, and young families.

In warmer months purchase 10 to 20 pounds of **dry ice** to place in your freezer and refrigerator.