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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*)
- Place your **candles** and **lanterns** in strategic locations. (*kitchen, bathroom, etc.*)
- Charge battery operated devices** (*phones, lap tops, power tools, shaver, 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, Triscuit, goldfish, hardtack, etc.*)
- Dry fruit (*apples, mango, apricots, raisins, etc.*)
- Peanut butter (*also roasted canned peanuts, mixed nuts, etc.*)
- Vegetable Oil (*very useful in cooking and adds needed calories*)

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

In warmer months purchase 20 to 30 pounds of **dry ice** to place in your freezer, refrigerator or refrigerated camp cold box.