Be prepared for a power outage with an emergency outage kit, which should always be stocked and easily accessible. Kit items include:

- Flashlights
- Fresh batteries
- Candles
- Matches or lighters
- Battery-powered radio (*NOAA Weather Radio, if possible*)
- Battery-powered or wind-up clock
- Portable heater (*oil or gas*)
- Portable generator (*review safety tips prior to use*)
- Bottled water for drinking and cooking (*one gallon per person per day*)
- Nonperishable food and manual can opener
- Paper plates and plastic utensils
- Coolers and ice
- First-aid kit and family prescription medicines
- Blankets and/or sleeping bags
- Weather-appropriate clothes, sturdy shoes, and heavy gloves
- Special needs items for infants, elderly, and/or disabled family members
- Sanitation and personal hygiene items, including hand sanitizer, sunblock, and insect repellent.
- Games and activities for children
- Pet supplies
- Emergency telephone numbers, including the number of your local electric company to report outages
- Emergency reference material such as a first aid book or information from [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)
- Extra cash
- Instructions on how to manually open electric garage doors
- Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification, and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container.
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