

To protect your home and property during a power outage, remember these facts:

- Stay away from all downed lines. Always assume a downed power line is live.
- Do not drive over power lines lying on the road.
- Keep children and pets away from downed lines.
- Call the power company or your local police or fire department for help to have a downed line barricaded until it can be repaired.
- If your power is off, make sure you turn off appliances to avoid any potential safety hazards when the power is restored.
- Avoid opening your refrigerator and freezer. If the doors remain closed, food stays frozen 36 to 48 hours in a full freezer.
- If you use non-electric space heaters, use them only in well-ventilated areas.
- If you use a generator, plug appliances directly into the generator. Do not plug the generator into house wiring.
- Be assured the power company is doing everything to restore power as soon as humanly possible.

When your power goes out:

- Avoid opening your refrigerator and freezer. Food will stay frozen in a fully loaded freezer 36 to 48 hours provided the doors remain closed.
- Don't prune trees on or near electrical power lines.
- Disconnect or turn off appliances that were on when the power outage occurred. Leave one light on so you know when the service has been restored.
- If given warning of the storm, fill your bathtub and spare containers with water in case your electric water pump or the city water system is affected.
- A non-electric unvented space heater should only be used in a well ventilated area.