

WALLINGFORD

BE PREPARED FOR:

POWER OUTAGE



A power outage is when the electrical power goes out unexpectedly.

Extended power outages may impact the whole community and the economy.

It can close business, can cause food spoilage, water contamination and prevent use of medical devices.

PREPARE NOW!

- Take an inventory of items that need electricity
- Talk to your doctor
- Plan for batteries and other alternatives
- Sign up for local alerts and warning systems
- Install carbon monoxide detectors with battery backup
- Review the supplies that are available
- Use a thermometer in the refrigerator and freezer
- Keep phones and electric equipment charged and gas tanks full



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BE SAFE DURING

- Keep freezers and refrigerators closed
- Use food supplies that do not require refrigeration
- Only use generators outdoors and away from windows
- Do not use a gas stove to heat your home
- If safe, go to an alternate location for heat or cooling
- Disconnect appliances and electronics to avoid damage from electrical surges
- Use alternate plans for refrigerating medicines or power dependent medical devices

BE SAFE AFTER

- When in doubt, throw it out! Throw away food that has been exposed to temperatures 40 degrees or higher for 2 hours or more, or that has an unusual odor, color, or texture
- If the power is out for more than a day, discard any medication that should be refrigerated, unless the drug's label says otherwise.
- If a life depends on the refrigerated drugs, consult a doctor or pharmacist.

Source: <https://www.ready.gov/power-outages>



PROTECT YOURSELF DURING
A POWER OUTAGE!