

Storm Safety Checklist

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Home Checklist

- Make sure your electronic devices are fully charged, flashlights and battery-powered radios have fresh batteries and are ready to use and easy to find.
- Have candles, lamps and matches handy. Instruct family members in their proper use to reduce the risk of accidental fires.
- Be sure to have your generator checked and fully fueled.
- Make sure your vehicles are fueled and running properly in case of an emergency.
- Every home should have fire safety equipment: fire extinguishers, fire alarms and CO² detectors.
- Store drinking water in bottles or plastic containers. If you have an electric water pump, fill pails, kettles, bathtubs and sinks with water for other uses.
- Stock up on canned and dried foods that require no refrigeration and little or no cooking. Be sure you have a manual can opener on hand.
- Make plans for emergency heating and cooking.
- Put extra blankets and your warmest clothes where you can find them easily. Layering clothing is a great way to stay warm.
- Don't forget the pipes! If it's cold out and heat is off for an extended period, wrap water pipes with insulation or newspaper. In very cold weather let the faucet drip or drain the pipes.

Extended Outages

If extended outages are predicted, consider the following ways to make yourself more comfortable.

- Keep the refrigerator and freezer doors closed, open them only when necessary.
- Dress in warm layers and stay dry.
- Let nature do the trick. If it's cold, you can store perishable foods in a shed or garage and out of reach of animals. If it's below freezing, keep frozen foods outside in closed wooden or metal containers and be sure to place them out of direct sunlight.
- Use water sparingly. Water that you use for cooking and washing may be used again for flushing the toilet.
- Be sure to check with your town or the Maine Emergency Management Agency about warming centers if you get too cold.

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