



# What to do in a Power Outage

## Helpful suggestion from Upper Nazareth Township Emergency Management

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Power outages can last minutes, hours, and even days. Being prepared will minimize a negative impact to your family during a power outage.

**THINGS TO DO:**

- Turn off any electrical appliance that was on:
  - Oven / Stove
  - Washer / Dryer
  - Other heavy electric equipment
  - Appliance that could cause a fire
- **Things to Do:**
  - Get out your Family’s Emergency Preparedness Kit (see items below)
  - Make a game plan with your family such as the following:
    - Shopping
    - Dinner out
    - Movies
    - To an alternate home
    - Just relax at home

**KEY THINGS TO AVOID:**

- **Refrigerator usage:**
  - Avoid opening the door to the refrigerator.
  - Use food from the refrigerator first, then food from the freezer.
- **Battery usage:**
  - Battery operated lanterns are ideal for a home without power with small children and pets.
    - Candles can be dangerous around small children and pets.

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS KIT:** Some of the items in your family’s kit should include:

• Battery operated radio	• Flashlights With extra batteries	• Battery operated lanterns
• Sleeping bags / blankets	• Matches / lighters	• Manual can opener

**SPECIAL NEEDS:**

If you or one of your family members have special needs, they may need emergency assistance during a power outage. Call 911 and have them contact your Townships Emergency Manager. At this time there is no way for Emergency Management to know that your area is out of power. You must inform us that you are out of power, have special needs, and are in need of assistance.

Print out a copy of this page and keep it in an easily accessible place. (Computers and printers do not work in a power outage.)

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