



## In Case of Power Failure

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Power failures are possible any time, but most often occur during extreme weather conditions – tornados, high winds, thunderstorms, rain, freezing rain, and snow storms. It is prudent to keep supplies on hand for these situations.

Contact your local utility company to learn the extent of the outage. The phone number is listed at the bottom of this bulletin, as well as on the Emergency Contacts Bulletin.

Household emergency supplies should include: battery-powered lamps/lanterns, several flashlights, a battery or hand-cranked radio, extra amounts of necessary medications, canned goods and a hand-held can opener, fire wood, a power generator, if possible, and anything that will make you and your family more comfortable. Of course, special precautions need to be in place if there are small children, elderly, or infirmed members of your home. Have an alternate method for charging your cell phone, such as a solar charger.

If it appears that an outage will last for an appreciable amount of time, unplug all electrical equipment, turn off all light switches, and especially unplug all computers.

To make the most of food on hand, first use the items in your refrigerator, then the freezer, then the canned goods. Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed whenever possible. An unopened refrigerator keeps food cool and safe for 4 hours and an unopened freezer for 48 hours.

### **Utility Companies Emergency Contact Phone Numbers:**

National Grid (Gas)	1-800-233-5325
For Speech Impaired	1-800-233-5325 ext. 711
In the event of an emergency, dial 911	
National Grid (Electric)	1-800-322-3223
For Speech Impaired	1-800-322-3223 ext. 711
In the event of an emergency, dial 911	
Lowell Regional Water Utility	(978) 674-4240
Verizon (Phone)	1-800-837-4966
Comcast (Cable/Internet)	1-800-266-2278