



BE PREPARED



Preparing Yourself



Before a power outage happens, be prepared:

- Make a plan of action with everyone in your household.
- Regularly check the batteries in your smoke detectors.
- Protect electrical equipment by installing surge protectors.
- Make sure the water lines under your home are properly insulated.
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- Get a phone that connects directly into the phone jack without an electrical cord – it will work during a power outage.
- Put together a **Family Emergency Kit** that will help you for a minimum of 72 hours. It should contain the following items:
 - Flashlights and batteries (or a hand cranked flashlight)
 - Radios and batteries (or a hand cranked radio or car radio)
 - Candles and matches (protect from children)
 - Non-perishable and ready-to-eat foods
 - Bottled water
 - Manual can opener
 - Warm clothing and blankets
 - First Aid kit
 - Games, cards, and books
 - Emergency contact numbers

Even without an emergency situation being declared, a long power outage in -30°C or colder weather can cause damage to your home and impact your routine.

When the Power Goes Off

Check whether the power failure is limited to your home. If your neighbours' power is still on, check your circuit breakers or fuse box.

If the power outage is neighbourhood-wide, call Northland Utilities (day: 867-873-4865; Emergency 24h: 1-877-642-8802) about the outage so they can send the right crews and equipment to the right location.

During an outage

- Turn off all lights except for one inside and one outside your home.
- Never use a camp stove, barbecue, or propane/kerosene heater indoors. Deadly odourless carbon monoxide gases can build up and kill you.
- Candles can be a fire hazard. Flashlights are a better alternative.
- When the power lines are re-energized, sudden demand can cause breakers to trip. Appliances that generate heat should be unplugged. Also, turn off or unplug your appliances and entertainment units.

