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Emergency Preparedness (Part 2) Power Outages

Cold snaps and heat waves can overload the electrical power system. Be prepared to cope on your own during a power outage for at least 72 hours.

During a power outage:

- **Stay at least 10 metres away from damaged or on-ground service wires.** Notify your electric supply authority.
- **Turn off** all electrically powered items except one inside and one outside light. Invest in power bars for electronics. Turn thermostats down to minimize damage from a surge when power is restored.
- **Don't open** fridge or freezer unless necessary.
- **Never** use charcoal, gas barbeques, or home generators indoors or in garages. They give off carbon monoxide. CO detectors should have battery back-up.
- **Listen** to battery-powered or wind-up radio for up-to-date information.

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