

WINTER STORM SAFETY



STAY WARM

PREPARE FOR PROLONGED OUTAGES

Indiana weather can be unpredictable, especially during the winter months. That's why you should create a plan for prolonged power outages. Heavy snows, freezing rain and ice storms can all create electrical hazards.

CREATE A STORM PREPAREDNESS KIT

- Bottled water
- Non-perishable food
- Emergency blankets
- First aid kit/medicine
- Flashlight
- Battery-operated or hand-crank radio
- Extra batteries
- Toiletries

What should you do if the lights do go out?

Stay in your home and eliminate unnecessary travel. Roads may be dangerous, and workers will be trying to repair electrical lines.

While indoors, many will turn their focus to staying warm. If homes are not using a generator, keep warm air in and cool air out by not opening doors to unused rooms. Do not open doors to the outdoors unless necessary.

To keep your food safe without power, keep your refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible, and eat perishable food first. Once the refrigerator reaches temperatures higher than 40 degrees Fahrenheit foods can become unsafe to eat.

To protect homes' electrical equipment during an outage, turn off and unplug all unnecessary electronics or appliances. This will keep equipment from being damaged by surges or spikes when the power returns.

