



access

1-844-55-access
(1-844-552-2237)

Reach out to
ACCESS anytime
you need help!

POWER OUTAGE SAFETY TIPS

BEFORE THE STORM

- Stay informed and tuned into local media channels.
- Check flashlights and have ample batteries accessible.
- Keep all cellphones fully charged.
- Have a full tank of gas or full charge on your electric vehicle.
- Practice opening and closing your garage door manually.
- Have a plan to keep medications and perishable foods cold.

DURING THE POWER OUTAGE

- Choose to text over calling to preserve your phone battery.
- Keep fridge and freezer doors closed as much as possible.
- Never use a generator or other gasoline, propane, natural gas, or charcoal-burning devices indoors. Always use in well-ventilated areas at least 20 feet away from windows.
- Unplug appliances and electronics to avoid a surge when the power returns.
- Use flashlights, not candles. Candles can lead to fires.

WHEN THE POWER RETURNS

- Dispose of any perishable food or medication that required refrigeration. When in doubt, throw it out.
- Watch out for contaminated food and water. Drink bottled water or boil tap water for drinking and cooking.
- Wait 10-15 minutes for your electrical system to stabilize before reconnecting all appliances and electronics.
- Do not touch downed powerlines.



FOCUS
HUMANITARIAN
ASSISTANCE
USA

FOCUS
-USA
.ORG

Over 25 years of building disaster resilience