

HOME CHECKLIST FOR POWER OUTAGES



WHY A CHECKLIST?

Most power outages are very short, but some can last much longer - up to days or even weeks. Power outages are generally caused by weather or accidents that interfere with equipment. During a power outage, you may be left without heating/air conditioning, lighting, hot water, or even running water. We recommend that you and your family are prepared to cope on your own for at least 72 hours depending upon the severity.

Part of this preparation is having an emergency kit. Have your kit assembled ahead of time. If an emergency does happen, it's too late to get a kit together. So, why not do it now and feel secure that you're prepared.

Special Needs

If there are small children, elderly people or family members with special needs, think ahead and include any special items that they may need, such as formula, bottles, or diapers. And, don't forget to include your pets in your planning.

Life Support Notification

If you depend on electrically-powered medical equipment, please register with us to be notified of planned power outages. For more information visit www.torontohydro.com or call 416.542.8000.

The checklist below outlines the basic items recommended for your kit:

- Emergency contact phone numbers
- Flashlight and fresh batteries
- Radio and fresh batteries or crank radio
- First-aid kit
- Telephone that can work during a power disruption
- Candles and matches/lighter
- Extra car keys and cash
- Important papers (including identification)
- Pens and a pad of paper
- Non-perishable food (ready-to-eat items that do not require refrigeration or heating)
- Manual can opener
- Bottled water (3 litres per person per day)
- Clothing and footwear
- Blankets or sleeping bag
- Toilet paper and other personal items
- Medication
- Hand tools such as a screwdriver, scissors, eating utensils, plates
- Backpack/duffle bag
- Whistle (to attract attention, if needed)
- Playing cards

TO REPORT A POWER OUTAGE OR EMERGENCY CALL 416.542.8000