

!! Be Ready Saginaw County!!

March's Objective

PREPARING FOR LIFE WITHOUT POWER

Disasters happen anytime and anywhere without warning.

When disaster strikes it is easier to cope when you are prepared.

!! Be Ready Saginaw County!! recommends knowing what to do when the power goes out.

ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES FOR POWER OUTAGES

- Flashlight
- Batteries
- Portable Radio
- At least one gallon of water per person
- A small supply of ready to eat food

THINGS TO DO BEFORE A POWER OUTAGE

- Regularly backup computer files and operating systems
- If you have an electric garage door opener locate the manual release lever and learn how to use it
- Have at least one phone that is not powered by electricity
- Keep your car fuel tank at least half full because gas stations rely on electricity to power their pumps

WHAT TO DO DURING A BLACKOUT

- ✓ Turn off or disconnect any appliances, equipment or electronics you were using when the power went out
- ✓ Leave one light turned on so you know when the power returns
- ✓ Leave the doors of the refrigerator and freezer closed to keep food as fresh as possible
- ✓ Use the phone for emergencies only
- ✓ Listen to a portable radio for the latest information. Do not call 911 for information.
- ✓ If it is hot outdoors, take steps to stay cool. Move to the lowest level of your home, drink plenty of water, even if you do not feel thirsty
- ✓ If it is cool outdoors, put on layers of warm clothing
- ✓ Remember to provide plenty of fresh cool water for your pets



BE WISE. BE WELL. BE READY.