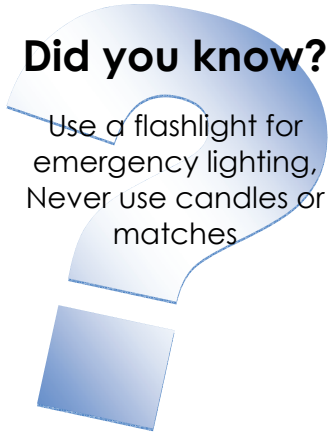


### **Before a Power Outage**

- Be prepared! Pack a bag with important items in case the power goes out for days and you need to evacuate. Don't forget to include needed medications.
- If advised to evacuate your home by emergency officials, evacuate immediately.



### **During a Power Outage...**

- To report a Power Outage, call Cleveland Public Power at 216-664-3156 or First Energy at 1-888-544-4877 or report it online [here](#).
- Before calling, check your main switch or circuit breaker in your house.
- It is good practice to have a corded telephone that works without electricity.
- Unplug electronics that were in use when the power went out, such as computers or televisions.
- If it is cold out, dress in layers to conserve body heat.
- Avoid opening the refrigerator and freezer.
- Never run a generator inside a home or garage. If using a generator, run it outside and connect the equipment directly to the outlets on the generator. Never attempt to connect a portable generator to an entire home's electrical system.



### **If the Power is out for less than two hours...**

- The food in your refrigerator and freezer will be safe to consume.
- While the power is out, keep the refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible to keep your food cold for a longer period of time.



### **If the Power is out for more than two hours...**

- A full refrigerator will hold the temperature for approximately 48 hours (24 hours if half full); discard any perishable food (e.g. meat, poultry, fish, eggs, leftovers) that have been above 40 degrees F for more than two hours.

Sources: [ready.gov](http://ready.gov)

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