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National Preparedness Month **September 20-26 Focus on Power Outages**

September is National Preparedness Month (NPM) with the theme:
Don't Wait. Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan Today.

Making a family emergency communication plan is a great way to prepare for disasters, but testing your plan is even better so you'll be familiar with how to respond.

During the week of September 20-26, the focus is on power outages. The catastrophic ice storms of December 2007 caused the largest power outage in Oklahoma history. More than 600,000 homes and businesses, about 40% of the state, were without power during the peak of the storm.

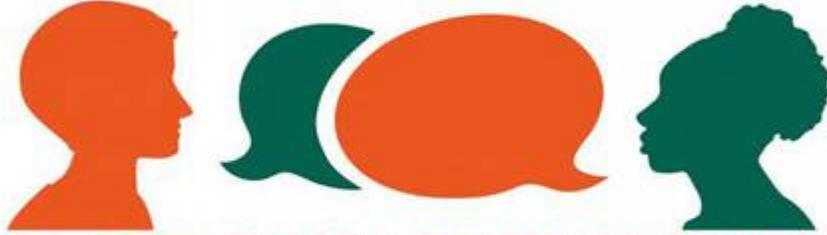
Power outages, or blackouts, can happen any time of year. They are more prevalent during a severe storm or ice storm. A power outage that lasts longer than two hours can lead to spoiled food and uncomfortable living conditions.

Next time there is a power outage, have an emergency plan. Use flashlights for lighting; never use candles due to the risk of fire. Keep your refrigerator closed to keep food fresh. When in doubt, throw it out. Carbon monoxide kills, so never use a generator or propane grill inside your house or garage.

For additional information on what to do during a power outage, visit <http://www.ready.gov/power-outage>.

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