



## Power Outage Precautions

Power utility providers are in the process of restoring power & utilities; which can take several days in some areas. Tips to remember during a power outage:

- If using a portable generator during a power outage, ***it should always be operated outside, away from doors and windows to avoid dangerous carbon monoxide.***
- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible to prevent food spoilage.
- Avoid plugging emergency generators into electric outlets or hooking them directly to your home's electrical system - they can feed electricity back into the power lines, putting you and line workers in danger.
- When the power comes back on, wait a few minutes before turning on major appliances, to help eliminate problems that could occur if there's a sharp increase in demand. If you think electric power has been restored to your area but your home is still without power, call your local power company.