



# POWER OUTAGE KIT

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No utility can prevent all power outages, especially when storms hit the area and trees or lightning cause outages. When the massive power outages hit the upper East Coast and southern Canada on August 14, 2003, few people were prepared for this type of event. While we hope never to experience a massive power outage like that, it's still smart to prepare for any power outage by assembling a kit. Here are some basic things that would help you get through an outage lasting three to five days:

- Portable, battery-powered radio and clock
- Flashlights
- Extra Batteries
- Manual can opener, bottle opener, and utility knife
- First aid kit
- Bottled water (minimum two quarts per person per day)
- Candles
- Matches in a waterproof container or a lighter
- Cooler (and keep ice or ice packs ready in your freezer)
- Pet supplies for three to five days
- Personal hygiene, sanitary supplies
- Blankets and pillows
- Cash (ATMs and banks may not be available)
- Playing cards, games, and books for entertainment
- Three-to-five day supply of non-perishable food that needs little or no cooking.

Assemble as much as you can and put it in a storage tub in a place that is easily accessed in the event of an emergency.

