



DELAWARE COUNTY EMA

Power Outage

What to do When the Power is Out

When the power goes out, safety is our number one concern!

- ✓ When power goes out contact your electric provider to make them aware of the outage.
- ✓ If you use alternate power sources, such as generators, always follow manufacturer's directions. Never use them indoors or in an attached garage.
- ✓ Use flashlights for lighting if possible. However, if you are using candles, never leave them unattended. Keep burning candles away from furniture, bedding, carpets, drapes, etc. Keep burning candles out of the reach of children and pets.
- ✓ Treat all intersections where the traffic light does not work as a 4-way stop.
- ✓ Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible. Most food requiring refrigeration can be kept safely in a closed refrigerator for several hours. Contact the Delaware General Health District with food safety questions.
- ✓ Turn off or disconnect appliances and other equipment in case of a momentary power "surge" that can damage computers and other devices. Consider adding surge protectors.

