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Important Considerations During a Power Outage



IMPORTANT NOTE: Check to make sure refrigerators don't defrost and leak onto floors that can be damaged in your home or vacant property.

In times of challenge, it is so important that we look out for each other. We want to be sure our clients and their property are as safe as possible during the ongoing power outages. Several of our clients in escrow have reported that ice from freezers has melted into puddles causing damage to flooring. Please be sure to check refrigerators at your vacant (and current) properties to ensure your floors are protected.

QUICK TIPS:

- Keep freezers and refrigerators closed to best maintain internal temperature.
- Check the area for any cords, shoes or other tripping hazards that may have been left out.
- Only use generators outdoors and away from windows. Be aware of the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Do not use a gas stove to heat your home.
- Disconnect appliances and electronics such as microwaves, televisions and computers to avoid damage from electrical surges. Wait a few minutes before turning these items back on once power is restored in order to reduce demand on the power supplier's electrical system.
- Check on neighbors. (If you don't have one already, build a neighborhood directory in advance.)
- When power is restored, consider waiting to reset one digital clock to reference how long power has been on in order to estimate when electric water heaters will have hot water. Or set a timer.
- If you haven't unplugged stereo equipment, ensure that volumes have been turned down in case power is restored during sleeping hours.

PREPARATION CONSIDERATIONS:

- Have alternate plans for refrigerating medicines or using power-dependent medical devices.
- Ensure you have a stock of batteries, water, ice packs and fuel (if you are running a generator) available.
- Check to be sure you have flashlights and lanterns (battery or propane) nearby. Having a head lamp available for each person in your household is also handy.
- Have a land line phone available that does not require power.
- Have battery packs available (that are charged up) to provide additional charges for mobile devices.



Leave one light on so you know when power is restored.
Additional tips? Please let us know & we'll pass them on.

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