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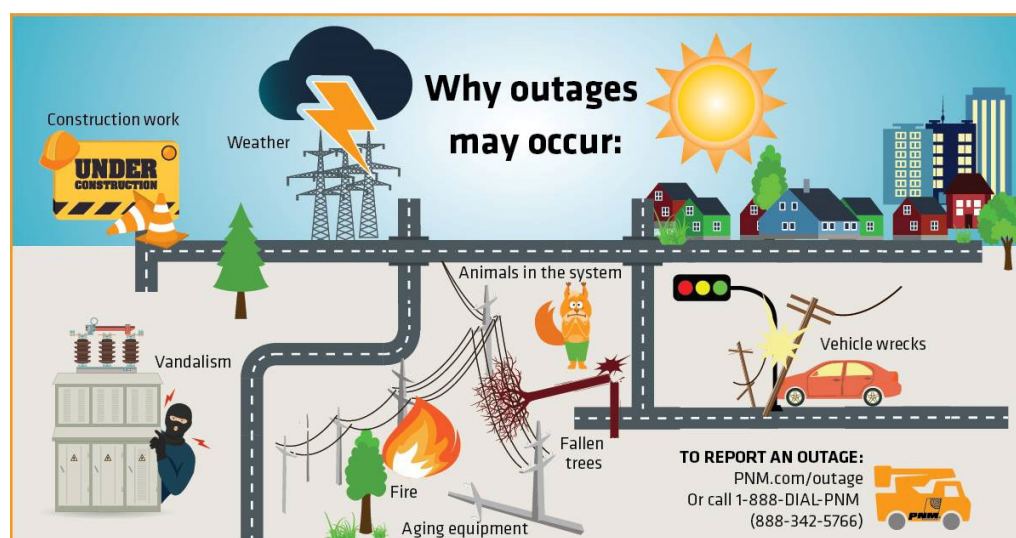
A power outage occurs when the electrical power goes out unexpectedly due to a power black-out, power failure, or power loss. Extended power outages may impact the whole community and the economy.

A power outage may:

- Disrupt communications, water and transportation
- Close retail businesses, grocery stores, gas stations, ATMs, banks and other services
- Cause food spoilage and water contamination
- Prevent use of medical devices

How to Protect Yourself During a Power Outage:

- Take an inventory of the items you need that rely on electricity, plan for batteries and other alternative power sources to meet your needs when the power goes out
- Use a generator, but only outdoors and away from windows
- Keep freezers and refrigerators closed
- Do not use a gas stove to heat your home
- Disconnect appliances and electronics to avoid damage from electrical surges
- Have enough nonperishable food and water for your family
- Know your medical needs
- Go to a community location with power if heat or cold is extreme





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After a Power Outage

Once power is restored, there are steps that should be taken to ensure your family and home is safe.

Steps After a Power Outage:

- Wait a few minutes before plugging appliances back into outlets (there may be power surges)
- Reset digital clocks, timers, alarms, network routers and other essential items
- If your HVAC will not turn on after a storm, you may need to restart it
- Check your property for damage, do not touch any fallen power lines
- Avoid electrical shocks from flooded basements or rooms

Food Safety:

- Check food in the refrigerator and freezer, discard any questionable or spoiled items (never taste food to determine if it is safe)
- If certain food has been exposed to temperatures 40 degrees Fahrenheit or higher (4 degrees Celsius) for three or more hours, harmful bacteria can develop so you should toss it out
- If food in the freezer has begun to defrost, cook it right away or throw it out (food that still has crystals can be refrozen)

Plan for Future Power Outages:

- Replace any items in your emergency and first aid kits
- If you live in an area frequently impacted by severe weather, consider investing in a generator
- Develop an emergency plan that includes a list of emergency contacts, an evacuation route and how you'll receive emergency warnings and alerts



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The 97th Civil Engineer Squadron Readiness and Emergency Management Flight is the office of primary responsibility for the Installation Emergency Management Program.

The main purpose of the program is to plan, organize, train, and equip personnel and protect critical infrastructure needed to accomplish the mission against the possibility of a chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear (CBRN) incident, terrorist attack, major accident, or natural disaster.

The Readiness and Emergency Management Flight is involved in the emergency planning and training stages through response and recovery. Our highest priorities are force survivability and mission continuation.

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