



***Don't Let
Winter Weather
Bring
Winter Woes***



Just a reminder that wintertime is primetime for unpredictable weather, which can lead to power outages. Usually, SUB gets power restored within hours if not minutes. But as recent ice storms have shown, there are times when power can be out for days.

Being prepared will take a lot of anxiety out of power disruptions, and most preparations are straightforward and easy. Here are some quick tips on how to prepare. You'll also find important safety reminders.

Preparation

- Build an emergency kit. Include flashlights, a battery-powered radio, nonperishable food, water and first aid supplies. Find full recommendations at ready.gov/build-a-kit
- Keep a second kit in your car. At the least, have a flashlight in your glove compartment. It will make navigating your way through a dark home to your home emergency kit easier.
- Keep cell phones charged and have a backup charger.
- If you rely on anything that is battery-operated or requires power, like a medical device, have a back-up plan.



Safety

- Storms can knock down powerlines. **Never** go near them! Even lines that look dead can have power surging through them.
- Only use flashlights for light. Candles can cause fires.
- Keep your car's gas tank full, and if you have an electric garage door opener, know how to operate the manual release lever.
- If you use your car to charge electronics, do **not** leave a car running in a fully or partially enclosed space or near your home. This can lead to carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Never burn charcoal or use camp stoves indoors. If it looks like power will be out for a long time, head to a friend's house, public facility or hotel to stay warm.
- If you are thinking about buying a generator for your home, consult an electrician before purchasing and installing.

Find more information at subutil.com