**PREPARING FOR AN EXPECTED POWER OUTAGE:**

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- ATMs won’t work, so get **cash**

- Gas won’t pump, so fill the **car**

- Stores will be closed, so buy:

**-** **canned food, that doesn’t need added water or cooking**

**- drinking water**

**- batteries**

**- pet or baby supplies**

**- medications**

- **Water won’t run**, so:

 - fill drinking cooler - fill water filter - fill pet bowls - water plants

 - wash dishes - do laundry - clean liter boxes - take a shower

 If an outage does occur, fill bathtub and washer before water runs out.

 You need at least 1 gallon of water per day per adult.

- **Refrigerators won’t work**:

 - remove any food that doesn’t need to be cold so you can eat it during an outage

 - put 2 frozen gallon jugs of water inside, put 2 more outside (if it’s Winter) so can rotate them

 or just don’t open the door so that as much cold air stays inside as possible

- **Freezers won’t work:**

 - keep them as full as possible so everything will stay frozen longer

 - fill ziplock bags with water and put them in the empty spaces in the freezer

(in such a way as they don’t get stuck when they freeze)

 - don’t open the door!

**- If it’s Winter:**

 - haul in wood

 - make sure we have access to shovels, salt/ash for sidewalks, ice breaking tools

**TO SURVIVE YOU NEED:**

- water

- food

- shelter

and it’s good to have

- lighting

- a composting toilet

- first aid/safety

- communications