



Power outages can have significant impacts on our daily activities, including lighting, heating/cooling, food preparation and storage, and medical equipment. Plan now to be ready.



- Before an outage:**
- Prepare an outage kit that contains flashlights, portable chargers, a hand or battery-powered radio, extra blankets, and emergency food, pet food, water, and first aid supplies.
 - Know how to operate electric garage doors manually.
 - Use surge protection equipment.
 - Create a plan for electric medical devices and refrigerated medicines.
 - Sign up for alert systems and apps for text alerts.



- During an outage:**
- Keep freezers and refrigerators closed.
 - Only use gas or camping stoves outdoors in well ventilated areas.
 - Use generators outdoors and away from windows.
 - Disconnect appliances and electronics to avoid damage from electrical surges.
 - Use flashlights, not candles.
 - Have a deck of cards, board games, or books to keep busy.



- After an outage:**
- Call 911 if you see a downed power line and stay away from it.
 - Don't go into flooded areas or use electrical equipment that may have been submerged.
 - Throw out food in your refrigerator or freezer that has been warmer than 40 degrees.
 - Restock used items from your outage kit.
 - If you have electrical issues, contact an electrician.

TVWD and the Regional Water Providers Consortium encourages you to start with water!

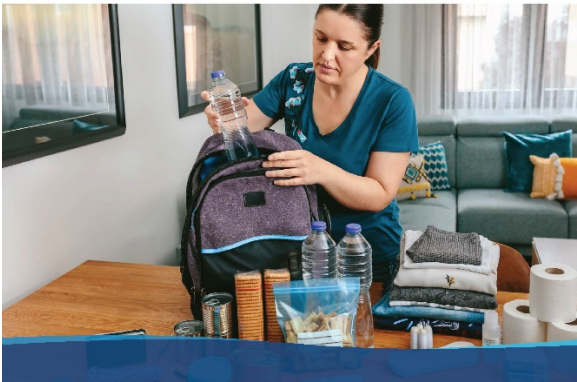
The Regional Water Providers Consortium is giving away free kits to help you with your preparing for emergencies. Each kit contains information about accessing and storing emergency water, disaster sanitation stickers, and a one-gallon emergency water bag.

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Emergency Preparedness
Calendar



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