

EMERGENCY PLANNING

Power Outages . . .

THE POWER GOES OUT — and doesn't come back on! Sudden power outages can be frustrating, but with a little preparation you can minimize the disruption! You have your emergency kit ready to go — so what else can you do beforehand to be as prepared as possible?

- ◆ If you have space in your freezer and refrigerator, consider filling plastic containers with water, leaving approximately one inch of space inside each one. (Water expands as it freezes, so it's important to leave room in the container for the expanded water.) Place the containers with the water in the freezer and refrigerator. This chilled or frozen water will help keep food cold if the power goes out, by displacing air which can warm up quickly with water or ice which keeps cold for several hours without additional refrigeration.
- ◆ If you use medication which requires refrigeration, check with your physician or pharmacist to confirm how long it can safely be kept in a closed refrigerator.
- ◆ If you use a computer, keep files and operating systems backed up regularly. Consider buying extra batteries and a power converter if you use a laptop computer. A power converter allows most laptops (12 volts or less) to be operated from the cigarette lighter of a vehicle. Also consider turning off all computers, monitors, printers, copiers, scanners and other devices when they are not being used. That way, if the power goes out, this equipment will have already been safely shut down. Get a high quality surge protector for all of your computer equipment. If you use the computer a lot, such as for a home business, consider purchasing and installing an uninterruptible power supply.
- ◆ If you have an electric garage door opener, find out where the manual release lever is located and learn how to operate it. If you regularly use the garage as the primary means of entering your home, be sure to still keep a key to your house with you in case the power goes out when you are away from home.
- ◆ If you have a telephone system at home which requires electricity to work, such as a cordless phone, plan for alternate communication (i.e. standard telephone handset, cell phone, etc.).
- ◆ Keep your car fuel tank at least 1/2 full as gas stations rely on electricity to power their pumps.

SOME SAFETY TIPS TO REMEMBER DURING A POWER OUTAGE:

- ◆ Only use a flashlight for emergency lighting - candles are not recommended due to the extremely high risk of fire!
- ◆ Turn off electrical equipment you were using when the power went out.
- ◆ Avoid opening the refrigerator and freezer.
- ◆ If you use a generator, connect the equipment you want to power directly to the outlets on the generator—do not connect a generator to a home's electrical system!

◆ **CAUTION: Carbon Monoxide can kill—so use generators safely! Never use a generator indoors, in a garage, basement, crawlspace or partially enclosed area even with ventilation. Locate units away from doors, windows and vents which could allow carbon monoxide to come inside. If you are considering purchasing a generator, get advice from a professional — such as an electrician!**

Knowledge and preparation are your best defense and are your responsibility! For more information on EMERGENCY PLANNING, call 503.982.9429, or visit our website at www.cityofhubbard.org.



YOUR WATER METER Please be aware that the City's Municipal Code states *in no event shall any person, other than duly authorized employees of the city, turn on the supply of city water after the same has been shut off by the city on account of discontinuance of service or for any reason whatsoever.* You are responsible for any damage which occurs to your meter as a result of your actions!

QUESTIONS? Call 503.982.9429

MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

- The City is moving forward this spring to complete a waterline project on "D" Street (between Pacific Hwy. 99E & Casteel Street). This project is being completed in preparation for ODOT's coming Signal Replacement Project at the intersection of Pacific Hwy. 99E & "D" Street!
- The City will also be moving forward on our Special City Allotment project on 3rd Street—which will go out to bid simultaneously with our annual street maintenance project.
- It is hoped that ODOT will begin their signal replacement project this coming summer—we will keep you informed as we receive more information from ODOT on their schedule!

As always, we appreciate your patience and use of other routes (whenever possible) during construction!

DIG SAFELY: If you're getting ready to work on a spring project which involves digging—don't forget to call 800.332.2344 for utility locates **before** you begin to dig!

COLOR CODE FOR UTILITY LOCATES

	ELECTRIC
	GAS/OIL
	COMMUNICATIONS
	WATER
	SEWER
	PROPOSED EXCAVATION

UNTIL NEXT TIME . . .

Hubbard Public Works