



# Severe Storm Ready



Severe storms can strike at any time, causing unexpected power outages. Storms and power outages are hard to predict. Therefore, it is important to be prepared for these events at all times.

## **Severe Storm Preparedness Kit**

Be prepared for the unexpected by having these items ready at all times:

- ☑ Water – keep containers of water for washing and consuming
- ☑ Food – keep at least enough, non-perishable foods, for 3 to 7 days
- ☑ Blankets, pillows, and clothing
- ☑ First Aid kit and medication
- ☑ Toiletries and hygiene items
- ☑ Flashlights with extra batteries
- ☑ Battery operated clock and radio
- ☑ A non-cordless telephone with extra batteries
- ☑ A list of emergency telephone numbers
- ☑ Cash and credit cards
- ☑ Keys
- ☑ Games, books, other forms of entertainment
- ☑ Important documents (kept in waterproof containers)
- ☑ A set of common tools
- ☑ Filled gas tanks for vehicle
- ☑ Pet care items

## **Food Preservation**

To preserve food during outages, keep the following items handy:

- ☑ Coolers to store perishable foods in
- ☑ Ice to surround the food within the coolers
- ☑ Digital thermometers to determine if food is safe to consume.

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In order to decrease the spoil of perishable foods you should keep refrigerator and freezer doors shut. A closed refrigerator can keep food cold for about 4 hours. A full freezer can keep cold for about 48 hours.

Throw out any food that has been exposed to temperatures above 40° F for more than 2 hours or has noticeably changed appearance or smell.

## **Other Precautions**

There are several precautions that can be taken while your power is being restored. These include:

- ☑ Turn off and unplug all unnecessary electrical equipment.
- ☑ When using a generator, do not connect to the home's electrical system. Rather, plug equipment directly into the generator.
- ☑ Keep generators outside, away from windows and intake vents that would allow carbon monoxide to enter the home.
- ☑ Steer clear of all power lines that may be down.

Immediately report all downed power lines to a Carroll Electric Customer Service Representative.

**If any questions or concerns arise, please contact a professional by calling +1 (800) 432-9720.**



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