



POWER OUTAGE SAFETY

- ◆ Use a flashlight for emergency lighting, not candles.
- ◆ Turn off electrical equipment you were using when the power went out.
- ◆ Avoid opening the refrigerator and freezer.
- ◆ If you use a computer, keep files and operating systems backed up regularly, either on recordable CDs, DVDs or an external hard drive. If you must evacuate, take the backup files with you. Consider buying extra batteries and a power converter if you use a laptop computer.
- ◆ Get a high quality surge protector for all of your computer and home theater equipment.
- ◆ If you have an electric garage door opener, find out where the manual release lever is located.
- ◆ Have a standard corded telephone or cell phone that doesn't require electricity.



GENERATOR SAFETY

- ◆ Buy a generator that is listed with the Underwriter's Laboratory (UL) or Factory Mutual (FM).
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Follow generator directions. **Do not use indoors**, including inside a garage, due to dangerous carbon monoxide buildup. Have adequate ventilation and follow proper refueling practices.
- ◆ Be sure to let the generator cool down before refueling.



WATER SAFETY

- ◆ To treat water, first filter the water using a piece of cloth or coffee filter to remove solid particles.
- ◆ Bring it to a rolling boil for one full minute and cool 30 minutes or;
- ◆ Add 12 drops of 2% tincture of iodine per gallon or;
- ◆ Add 16 drops of unscented liquid chlorine bleach per gallon of water. Let stand 30 minutes or;
- ◆ Use water purification tablets.



FLOOD SAFETY

SAFETY RULES

- ◆ Avoid or leave areas subject to sudden flooding. These include dips and low-lying spots.
- ◆ Avoid already flooded and high velocity flow areas. Do not attempt to cross flowing streams.
- ◆ Never drive through flooded roadways as the depth of the water is not always obvious. Turn around and go another way. If the vehicle stalls, leave it immediately and seek higher ground. Rapidly rising water may engulf the vehicle and its occupants, sweeping them away.
- ◆ Use caution at night when it is more difficult to recognize flood dangers.
- ◆ Do not camp or park your vehicle along streams, particularly during threatening conditions.
- ◆ Children should never play with high water, storm drains or viaducts.

AFTER THE FLOOD

- ◆ If fresh food has come into contact with floodwaters, throw it out.
- ◆ Boil drinking water before using. Wells should be pumped out and the water tested for purity before drinking. Call your public health authority for more information.
- ◆ Seek necessary medical care at the nearest hospital. Food, clothing, shelter and first aid are available from the American Red Cross and other relief organizations.
- ◆ Do not visit disaster areas. Your presence might hamper rescue and other emergency operations.
- ◆ Electrical equipment should be checked and dried before being returned to service.
- ◆ Use flashlights (not lanterns, torches or matches) to examine buildings. Flammables may be inside.
- ◆ Report broken utility lines to appropriate authorities.