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Fall: Into Safety!



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Power Out?

Sudden power outages can be frustrating and troublesome. Here are some tips to minimize loss and keep all members of your household as comfortable as possible. <https://www.ready.gov/power-outages>



Always Stay Informed

- Some of the things you can do to prepare for the unexpected, such as assembling an emergency supply kit and making an emergency plan are the same regardless of the type of emergency. However, it's important to stay informed about what might happen and know what types of emergencies are likely to affect your region.
- Be prepared to adapt this information to your personal circumstances and make every effort to follow instructions received from authorities on the scene. Above all, stay calm, be patient and think before you act. With these simple preparations, you can be ready for the unexpected.

Electrical Equipment

- Turn off and unplug all unnecessary electrical equipment, including sensitive electronics.
- Turn off or disconnect any appliances (like stoves), equipment or electronics you were using when the power went out. When power comes back on, surges or spikes can damage equipment.
- Leave one light turned on so you'll know when the power comes back on.

Staying Safe After a Power Outage

- If electrical power lines are down, don't touch them. Keep your family and pets away. Report downed lines to your utility company.

Staying Safe Indoors

- Use flashlights in the dark, not candles.
- Eliminate unnecessary travel, especially by car. Traffic lights will be out and roads will be congested.
- If you are using a generator be sure you understand the risks of carbon monoxide poisoning and how to use generators safely. <https://www.energy.gov/ceser/emergency-preparedness/community-guidelines-energy-emergencies/using-backup-generators>





Be Seen On Halloween!

Have No Fear! Halloween is Here

Halloween is one of the most anticipated nights of the year for kids. Keep kids safe by making sure they trick or treat with an adult if under the age of 12, and that kiddos have flashlights or glow sticks to be more visible to motorists. Be safe and be seen!

What **You Can Do** – COVID19

Consider alternate activities to 'trick or treating' – you could attend a local Halloween event (i.e. check out local farms) that has social distancing practices in place and be sure to mask up!

A **Chilling Fact**

Kids are more than twice as likely to be hit by a car and killed on Halloween than on any other day of the year.



Where to Find **Visibility Stuff**

These items can be found at mass retailers, party stores, sporting good stores and online.



Drive Safely as It Gets Darker!

Fall Back: November 6th



Daylight Savings Time ends every year on the first Sunday in November. This means it starts to get darker earlier. Preparedness Tip: When you change your clocks backward by one hour, it's also a great time to check the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.