

Be Prepared for Storms

Before a Storm

Have a Storm Kit ready. Kits should contain:

- Drinking water
- Non-perishable food such as granola bars, nuts, canned goods, and a manual can opener
- Baby food and supplies if you have an infant
- Pet food if you have pets
- First aid kit
- Flashlights & extra batteries
- Battery powered radio
- Battery powered cell-phone charger
- Blankets

For MEMA's Emergency Kit Checklist, visit <http://www.mass.gov/eopss/agencies/mema/be-prepared/kit/>.

Other preparations:

- Fill your car's gas tank in case pumps aren't working.
- If you have a generator, make sure you know how to safely use it and that you have a sufficient amount of gasoline on hand.
- If you have a medical device that requires power, have a plan for if the power goes out.
- Charge your cell phone to full capacity.
- If your water supply could be affected by a power outage, fill your bathtub with water; this water can be used to fill the back of the toilet tank so that the toilet can be flushed. Do not use this water for drinking.
- Turn your refrigerator/freezer up to the coldest setting to keep food cold if the power goes out. Remember to reset to normal once power is restored.

During a Storm

Stay Informed:

- RMLD outages and estimated time of restoration (ETR) will be tweeted. [Follow us on Twitter at @readinglight.](#)
- Our twitter feed is also streaming on our website at <http://www.rmlld.com/>.

Know how to report a power outage:

- Call RMLD at 781-942-6598 or 781-944-1340. Please be patient as there may be several people calling at once.
- Report an outage on our website: <http://www.rmlld.com/home/webforms/outages>.

Stay away from downed power lines:

- Report downed power lines to RMLD or local emergency personnel immediately.
- Always keep your distance and never drive over downed lines.

If you lose power:

- Report the outage to RMLD. If you're able, check Twitter or our website first as we may already be aware of the outage.
- Minimize opening and closing your refrigerator/freezer as much as possible to keep the cool air inside. During cold weather, you can put food in a cooler and put the cooler outside to keep food from spoiling. Only do this if it's safe to go outdoors.
- Unplug your electrical devices (TV, DVD player, microwave, computer, stereo, etc.) that are not plugged into surge protectors. When power is restored, wait a few minutes to plug devices back in.
- If you are without a backup power supply such as a generator and have a medical device that requires power, go to the emergency room.
- If you need to leave your home, contact your local fire/police department to locate an emergency shelter.

RMLD Contact Information

Phone: 781-942-6598 or 781-944-1340

Website: <http://www.rmlld.com/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/readinglight>

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