

# Power's out

## Power Smart for Schools

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Before, during or after

Read each of the actions on the right. Do you think the action should take place before an outage, during an outage or after an outage? Draw a line from each of the actions to the correct time period on the left.

**Before an outage**

**During an outage**

**After an outage**

### Actions

- Find out if the outage is just in your home or in other houses around you.
- Make sure that emergency equipment (flashlights, radios, etc.) is working properly.
- Check if anything in your fridge or freezer needs to be thrown out.
- Make a list of important local phone numbers. Include the police, fire, poison control centre and the number to report a power outage: **1 800 BCHYDRO.**
- Turn appliances back on.
- Keep the doors of your fridge and freezer closed as much as possible to keep the cold air in. Your food will stay fresh longer if you only open the fridge when necessary.
- Reset your clocks, timers and alarms.
- Use surge protectors to protect your electronic devices such as computers and TVs.
- Turn off appliances that generate heat.
- Develop a preparedness plan with your family.
- Switch off all lights except one inside your home and one outside to let you and crews outside know when the power is back on.
- Restock any supplies you used from the emergency kit.

### Important

Never go near or touch a downed or damaged power line. Stay back at least 10 metres and call 911 to report. Don't attempt to remove objects or debris around the power line.

## Get prepared for an outage at home

Now that you know what to expect, prepare an emergency kit with your family by checking off each of the items listed below and keep it in an easy-to-find location in your home.

### Basic emergency kit checklist:

- Flashlights
- Extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Bottled water (2 litres per person per day)
- Supplies for people with special needs
- Copy of your preparedness plan
- Battery or crank operated clock and radio
- Corded telephone
- Non-perishable, ready-to-eat foods
- Warm clothing and blankets
- Games, cards and books to keep everyone busy
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Emergency kit location \_\_\_\_\_