

Fire Safety During Emergencies Fact Sheet



Power outages often occur in association with flooding or severe weather events.

The Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency recommends following these fire safety tips if you experience a power outage:

- Use flashlights, glow sticks or battery-operated lanterns instead of lighting candles.
- If you need to use candles, place them in a secure holder, covered with a glass chimney. Keep candles away from children and pets.
- All electric stove elements and small appliances around the home must be turned off and unplugged to prevent fires when electricity is restored.
- Do not use propane or charcoal barbecues indoors. They are only to be used outdoors.
- Test all smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarm batteries. If your home has electrically-connected alarms, they will not work when the power is out. They will need back-up batteries installed to function.
- Use portable space heaters that are designed for indoor use, provide adequate ventilation and refuel the heater outside.
- Portable generators should only be used outdoors. Place them in a safe location to ensure that exhaust fumes do not enter the home.

If you need more information about what to do if your power goes out during an emergency, contact your local municipality or fire department.