Power outage: the first hour

When the lights go out

- [ ] Grab flashlights, not candles, first
- [ ] Check on everyone in the house
- [ ] Keep the fridge and freezer closed
- [ ] Unplug electronics to protect them from surges
- [ ] Leave one lamp switched on so you know when power returns
- [ ] Turn on your weather radio or check alerts
- [ ] Switch phones to low power mode
- [ ] Fill a bathtub and pots with water if you're on a well or the outage may last
- [ ] Report the outage to your power company
- [ ] Check on neighbors who live alone