



Know the risks



Power outages:

A power outage (also known as a power cut, blackout or failure) is a short or long term loss of the electric power to an area. There are many causes of power outages and they can occur throughout B.C. Simply put, a power outage is an interruption or failure to supply power.

In B.C., we have many different types of power including hydroelectric, natural gas, biomass, wind, run-of-river, solar and tidal that can be used to keep our lights on.

WARNING SIGNS: Power can go out at any time, whether the weather is mild or severe. If you hear of a storm moving into your area, or see the weather getting extreme, be sure you have your emergency kit handy and think about how you and your family will stay warm and comfortable. During a power outage you may be left without heating, lighting or hot water. You can reduce the effect of a power outage by taking the time to prepare in advance.

For more information on power outages, visit BC Hydro.

For more information on how to prepare for a Power Outage visit Know the Risks > Power Outages on PreparedBC.