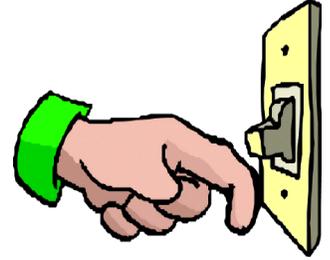


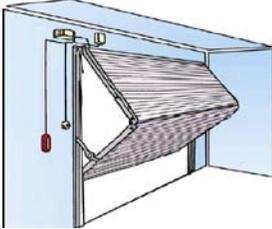
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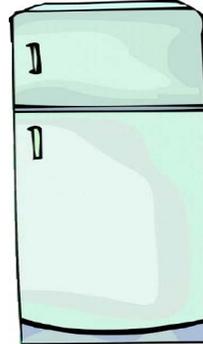
- Turn off electrical equipment you were using when the power went out. Leave one light on so you'll know when power returns.



Before the blackout...



- If you have an electric garage door opener, locate the manual release lever and learn how to operate it.

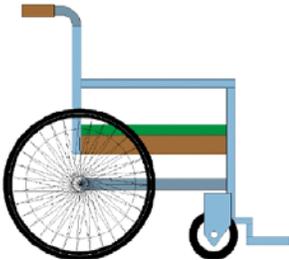
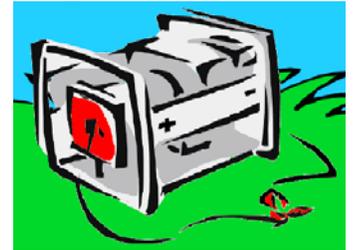


- Avoid opening the refrigerator and freezer. Most medication that requires refrigeration can be kept in a closed refrigerator for several hours.

- Keep your car's gas tank at least half full; gas stations rely on electricity to power their pumps.



- Don't run a generator inside a home or garage or connect it to a home's electrical system. If you use a generator, connect the equipment you want to power directly to outlets on the generator.



-Have an extra battery on hand for battery-operated wheelchairs.

During the blackout...

- Only use a flashlight for emergency lighting—never use candles because they increase your risk of a house fire dramatically.



- Listen to a radio for the latest information.

Remember: Make sure there is a standard, corded telephone in your home. It may be the only phone that works during a blackout.



- Most cordless phones won't work if the power goes out, so be sure to have a standard telephone in your home.

Cellular phones may not operate properly during a blackout because cellular networks may lose power to the towers that transmit your call.



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