

Emergency KitPreparation

Winter Power Failure





Among the items shown below, please select the II items that belong in a power failure emergency kit.

















Candle

Television











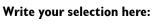
Non-perishable food



















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Volley ball



Fire extinguisher



Battery powered radio

Winter Power Failure Emergency Kit (Solution)

Correct answers: Fire extinguisher, candle, flashlight, battery, blanket, battery powered radio, coal-oil lantern, non-perishable food, water, gas, lighter.

Fire extinguisher: During a winter power failure, the use of candles and wood-

burning fireplaces will increase thus increasing the risk of fire. A fire extinguisher is an essential tool to prevent a fire from spread-

ing too quickly to other parts of your house.

Candle and Flashlight: A flashlight will provide you with the light required to walk around

in your house. A candle placed in a deep metal canister can pro-

vide enough heat to keep you warm for several hours.

Battery: Spare batteries have to be kept in the house because you might

have to replace the ones in your radio or in your flashlight.

Blanket: Spare blankets will be extra handy if it gets very cold in your

house due to the power failure.

Battery powered radio: The battery-powered radio is needed in case there is no electri-

city. Precious information such as the whereabouts of shelters might be given on the radio. It is important to stay informed and to listen to the directions given by the radio station. This will

allow the rescue crews to better do their jobs.

Coal-oil lantern: The lantern can be used to provide additional light but it should

only be used by an adult.

Non-perishable food: The power failure could persist for a few days even a few weeks.

You will need non-perishable food items to keep yourself and your

family healthy.

Water: You always need water. Since tap water might not be available

during a power failure, it is extremely important that you keep at least 1 litre per day of bottled water for each member of

the family.

Gas: If you have a generator or a gas stove, you will need a supply of

gas. This gas should be stored in your house according to gener-

ally accepted guidelines.

Lighter: You need a lighter so that you can light the candles, coal-oil

lantern and/or the wood-burning fireplace.

For additional information, you can download our self-help advice brochure on winter power failures via http://www.ocipep.gc.ca/info_pro/self_help_ad/general/power_e.asp