

After the Power Outage:

According to the website,
www.foodsafety.gov, :

- Discard perishable food that has been above 40 degrees for over two hours
- Don't taste food to determine whether it's safe to eat.

Use good judgment in resuming household routines:

- Plug in appliances one at a time to avoid overloading the electric system.
- Take safety precautions when using power equipment (i.e., chain saws axes)
- Make notes and take photographs of weather-related damage if you plan to submit claims
- Follow DEC and Town regulations about burning downed limbs and debris (DEC burn bans are in effect from March 15 to May 15 every year. Call Town Hall to inquire about seasonal burning ban extensions).

This information is provided for educational purposes and should not substitute for professional, medical or legal advice.

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EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

**Dutchess County
Sheriff's Office
(845) 486 -3600**

**New York State Troopers
(845) 677-6321**

**Red Cross, Dutchess Co.
(845) 471-0200**

**NYSEG (Outages)
1-800-572-1121**

**Central Hudson
(845)452-2700
(800)527-2714**

**Dover Town Hall
(845) 832-6111**

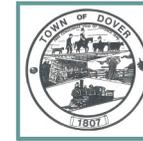
**In Case of Emergency
911**

**Poison Control Center
1-800-222-1222**

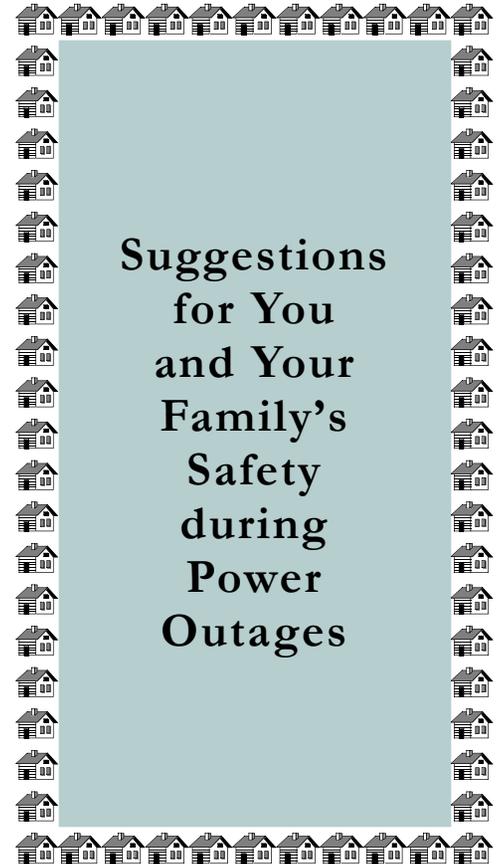
**Central Hudson
(845) 452-2700
1-800-527-2714**

**FBI Field Office
(212) 384-1000**

**(845) 832-6111
townclerk@townofdoverny.us**



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**Suggestions
for You
and Your
Family's
Safety
during
Power
Outages**

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**Courtesy of the
Dover Town Board and
Town Clerk's Office
845.832.6111
<http://townofdoverny.us>**

The Town of Dover cares about your family's safety during weather-related and other events that may result in electrical power outages.

Here are some suggestions for steps you can take to help increase your safety:

Prepare! If you hear a weather event may occur in our area, prepare in advance with actions such as:

1) prepare potable (drinkable) water for your family's needs— estimate at one gallon per day per person)

2) store water in your bathtub to flush your toilet and other needs

3) have sufficient gasoline in your car in case of emergency travel

4) confirm/refresh your supply of flashlights, batteries, blankets and emergency provisions

5) charge mobile devices and laptop devices to full power in advance

6) test your home generator; stock firewood, and pellets as needed

7) Stock but don't overload your refrigerator or freezer (unless you can maintain it with dry ice or a generator). Already frozen food stays frozen about 36– 48 hrs.; store frozen foods close together to keep them cool.

8) If you have special needs or medical conditions that require assistance, arrange to stay with family or friends so you will have assistance.

During a Power Outage:

1) Seek information from reliable resources:

- Dutchess County's and the Town of Dover's websites at

www.dutchessny.gov

<http://townofdoveryny.us>

the Town of Dover's Facebook page

local radio stations

2) Contact the Dover Town Hall at

- for information on the distribution of supplies such as dry ice or bottled water (if outages become prolonged)
- to report areas of power outages after other areas have been restored
- to report emergency conditions such as downed limbs that need immediate attention.
- to inquire about town assistance (warming/cooling stations, device charging)

3) Consult NYSEG for outage information, to report an outage and for estimated power restoration timelines:

<http://www.nyseg.com/Outages/>

1-800-572-1121

4) Check with your neighbors (especially those who are elderly and disabled) and share resources to help extend or conserve emergency provisions.

5) Always stay away from downed wires or sagging power lines.

6) Use extreme caution with candles and lanterns to prevent fires.

7) Leave a light or radio on to know when the power has been restored.

8) Know the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning (headache, dizziness, nausea, lightheadedness). Fuel-burning equipment can malfunction and release this deadly odorless gas. If you suspect exposure, get victims) into fresh air and call 911. Install a carbon monoxide detector if you plan to use fuel-burning equipment in your home.

9) Help others if you can. Being a good neighbor and a caring citizen is always a good thing.

10) Learn from the experience how to be better prepare for the next time. Power outages can happen at any time; you can always learn from them.