

More on top ten list for dealing with storm related power outages

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 bottled water. Having several cases of bottled water on hand for drinking and cooking is a smart safeguard. You can never be too cautious when it comes to using clean water.

3. Propane Stove – while crackers and chips may hold you over for a short time, you may need some alternative foods. A propane stove is an excellent way to boil water and prepare hot meals. Portable propane stoves also use 1 lb. propane cylinders and are easy to use.

4. Canned Food and High Energy Snacks – keep a stock of canned food and items that are easy to cook on a portable propane stove. Also keep a va-

riety of energy bars and snacks available to eat throughout the day. This ensures hot meals for your family.

5. Portable Propane Heater – when it comes to having an emergency heat source, it's best to have a portable heater that is indoor safe approved. Portable radiant models, like those made by Mr. Heater, feature an oxygen depletion sensor (ODS) which automatically shuts the heater off when air circulation is reduced.

The Coleman Company offers a line of catalytic heaters that can be used safely inside. The catalytic material provides a low burning surface that generates heat without rapidly using the surrounding air.

Both types of heaters use disposable 1 lb. propane cylinders. Whether you use a radiant heater or a catalytic heater, the CampSafe Coalition warns never to sleep overnight in an enclosed space while any fuel burning appliance is operating due to the risk of carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

6. Sleeping Bags – they keep your body heat inside

while keeping the cold air out. Some sleeping bags are designed for colder temperatures than others. Be sure to wear a stocking cap on your head to prevent losing body heat. Having a sleeping bag combined with a head covering is a sure way to keep warm at night.

7. Cell Phone – in cases of emergencies, a cell phone is good to have for contacting Emergency Services, relatives, or calling for information on weather, roads, etc.

8. Weather Radio – having a weather radio helps you to plan ahead. They broadcast alerts for emergencies, tornados, thunderstorms, blizzards, etc. Knowing what the weather is expected to do can help you plan how you will use your supplies of food and fuel.

9. Gas-Powered Generator – this is a good investment to have during long power outages. A generator can be used for recharging batteries and keeping the refrigerator cold, just to name a few. However, you might want to run your generator conservatively to save on gasoline.

10. Gasoline & Propane Supply – having the necessary amounts of fuel to run your generator, snow blower, propane heater, propane stove, and other small appliances is important to keep in mind. Many small propane appliances can run five to eight hours on one 1-lb. propane cylinder. Generator fuel use varies from one to four gallons

of gasoline in about a 15-20 hour span. Never use a portable generator inside.

Always think safety. Portable propane and gasoline powered products burn and consume oxygen for combustion and give off carbon monoxide, which can lead to carbon monoxide poisoning. This can

result in the loss of consciousness and death. Make sure to read all product packaging and manufacturer's operating instructions before using any fuel burning appliance.

Propane cylinders should not be stored indoors, and it is against most fire regulations to

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Banks 2008 Year in Review

- Jan. 3 – Mayor Teri Branstitre gives State of the City address to Banks Chamber of Commerce.
- Jan. 14 – School Board hears recommendation for facilities bond. No action taken.
- Jan. 17 – School Board holds special session; approves issuance of public bond for facilities improvements.
- Feb. 2 – International Soup Festival
- Feb. 12 – City Council approves Swatco rate change, told new roll-cart recycling will start between May and August 1.
- Mar. 25 – Council holds community meeting to discuss Urban Growth Boundary possibilities.
- Apr. 8 – Banks becomes a Tree City.
- Apr. 14 – Three Councilors; Jason Short, Dan Keller and Ron Kemper resign in response to Ethics Law changes effective April 15.
- Apr. 26 – Banks Community Auction.
- May 7 – Chamber welcomes Oriental Gardens.
- May 13 – Deborah Deegan sworn in as Councilor. Council votes to realign N.W. Sellers Road.
- June 4 – Elementary and Jr. High Bands place 2nd in “under 100 members” at Junior Rose Festival Parade in Portland.
- June 9 – School Board votes to put \$25.5 million bond on November ballot.
- July 1 – Banks Public Library re-dedicated.
- July 7 – Open Air/Farmer's Market starts at Log Cabin park.
- Aug. 7 – City Hall renovation has started.
- Aug. 14 – Grand Opening of Oregon First Community Credit Union.
- Aug. 15-17 – 63rd Banks BBQ, Truck/Tractor Pull & Combine Demolition Derby.
- Sept. 9 – Councilor Deborah Deegan resigns (due to move out of city), Ryan Birr appointed to one of three open council positions.
- Oct. 18 – “All You Can Eat” Crab Feed.
- Nov. 4 – School bond does not pass. Mayoral position must be decided by write-in votes. John Kin-sky declared Mayor-elect after election formalities.
- Nov. 11 – Christy Greagor sworn in as Councilor.
- Dec. 9 – Mayor Branstitre presides at her final meeting as Mayor. Mark Gregg appointed to council, will be sworn in at January meeting.

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