



Pledge to Prepare

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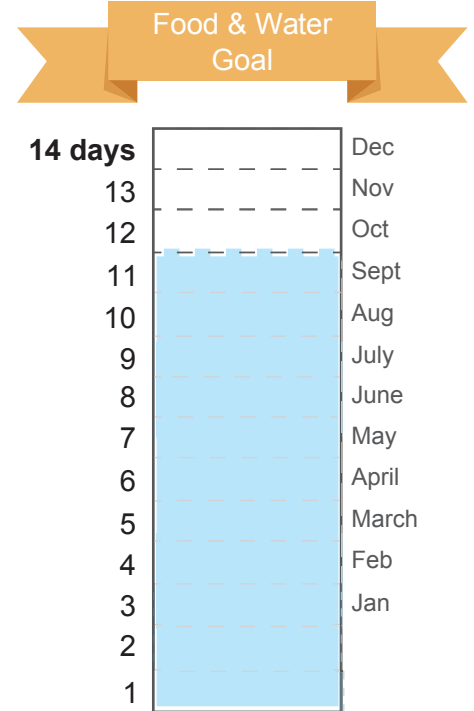
October

Supplies

- + 1 day of food, water and cash
- Extra blankets, warm clothing

Tasks

- Insulate water lines to prevent frozen pipes
- Make an emergency kit for your car
- Inspect trees for potential hazards



Get winter-ready

Winter brings with it an increased likelihood of storm-related power outages. October is a good time to prepare for freezing temperature and other extreme conditions.

Here are some items to include in your car kit:

- Portable cell phone charger/cable
- Water and snacks
- Warm clothes and extra shoes
- Flashlight or headlamp
- First aid kit
- Tarp
- Roadside/break-down kit
- Tire chains
- Sand or cat litter

Need to request tree trimming?

EWEB operates an extensive tree trimming program to enhance reliability and protect public safety by keeping trees and branches a safe distance from overhead electric lines. If you know of a location where trees are interfering with our power system, please let us know.

- Call 541-685-7148
- Request online at eweb.org/trees



Keep building on your water, food and cash. Continue to prioritize non-perishable, high protein, easy-to-prepare items like canned foods, nuts and dried fruits.

Remember, one day of water = 1 gallon per person.



Use blankets during a winter power outage to:

- Set up “camp” in one room of the house
- Hang across passageways to retain heat
- Cover windows
- Put on the floor to further insulate room

Send a photo of your progress to follow.us@eweb.org to be entered in the monthly raffle.

Preventing frozen pipes

Save yourself the hassle and cost of emergency repairs by locating pipes in areas that have higher risk for freeze damage. Then take a few simple steps to reduce the risk of burst pipes.

See below for tips for preparing for winter and what to do before you leave for, or return from, a winter vacation. A few preventative measures could save you from expensive repairs.

Prepare for winter weather:

- Wrap pipes located in unheated areas - such as an attic, crawl space or garage - with foam pipe insulation.
- Drain water from underground sprinkler piping and backflow prevention assembly. Wrap the assembly with foam insulation.
- Disconnect and drain garden hoses. If you don't have frost-proof outdoor faucets, install an insulated cover.
- Locate your water meter and make sure your customer-side hand valve shuts your water off completely. Call or email EWEB if you have questions about your customer-side valve: 541-685-7088 or email at ems.answers@eweb.org.

During a cold snap:

We suggest that you take a few extra steps when temperatures are predicted to be 20 degrees or less:

- Cover crawl space vents. Remember to uncover the vents as the weather warms.
- Open cabinet doors below sinks located against outside walls. Insulation in the walls may not be thick enough to keep pipes from freezing.
- Turn on a small but steady stream of water at the inside faucet farthest away from where your water supply enters your home. Flowing water does not freeze as quickly as still water.

If your pipes freeze:

You will know that your pipes have frozen if you turn on the tap and no water flows.

- Never use a flame or electric appliance, such as a hair dryer or heating pad, to thaw a frozen pipe.
- You can thaw a frozen pipe by warming towels or blankets in the clothes dryer and then wrapping them around the frozen pipe. Repeat this process until water flows from the tap.
- If your pipe breaks, shut off your water using your whole-house valve or customer-side hand valve at the water meter.
- If you cannot shut the water off, call us at 541-685-7595.

Find more information on emergency preparedness and preparing for winter at eweb.org

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