

EMERGENCY TIP OF THE MONTH February 2019

Did you feel cold at any time during this last week? Imagine what it might be like without electricity, meaning no heat or hot water? And what if the power is out for several days? Here are a few starts to being prepared:

- Register with Linn-Benton Alert (www.co.benton.or.us/sheriff/page/emergency-alert)
- Store extra supplies, including flashlights, batteries, ready-to-eat foods, battery powered radio and bottled water. Read up on preparing emergency kits.
- Keep cash on hand and gas tank at least half full.
- Learn how to turn off gas and valve to your hot water heater.
- Locate electrical supply panels and learn how to turn off power.
- Check to see that lights are out at your neighbors before checking for breakers or blown fuse.
- Learn how to override electric garage door opener.

Below are some recommended resources:

- Power-Fail lights: American Red Cross Blackout Buddy - Available from RedCross.org, Home Depot, Amazon.com
- Solar/Crank-Radio/Flashlight: Eton FR160 or FR1 - Available from RedCross.org, Home Depot, Amazon.com
- Emergency Gas Shut-Off Wrench: Available at Robnetts or Home Depot