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Do You Have A Power Outage Emergency Plan?

Over the past several decades, many people have benefited from in-home technology that extends lifespans and enables more people to stay in their own homes. The expanding array of such devices — including home oxygen machines, medication nebulizers, home dialysis, infusion pumps, and electric wheelchairs — all depend on a reliable power supply.

The increase in extreme weather events has posed a new threat to those using in-home medical devices. There is a growing threat of power outages. For those depending on at-home medical devices it is important to have a plan if the power goes out.

First, you should contact your power company and let them know you are dependent on home medical equipment. They may have a special program. If you are enrolled in the program, your account will be noted, and if you notify the company of an electrical outage at your home, they will provide you with updates during the outage and will do their best to get your service restored. Make sure you have emergency phone numbers handy for your doctor, fire, police and ambulance services. If you live alone, arrange for a family member, neighbor, or friend to check in on you. Also, plan for an alternative place to go until your power is restored. *(cont. on pg 2)*



The next component of your emergency plan should be to contact your in-home medical equipment provider for important emergency resources or features for your specific equipment. Make sure you keep this information handy so that if you require assistance, whoever is available to help will know what to do. Also, check with the supplier for battery backups.

If you live in a remote location that is not easily accessible, you should consider purchasing or installing a generator. Generators can be complicated and costly. A portable battery power source like the Portable Outlet is a wonderful and simple option. Portable Outlet is an uninterruptible power supply & CPAP battery. Simply plug your CPAP or BiPAP, or other small medical devices into the Portable Outlet then into your wall outlet. While receiving your therapy, the battery stays fully charged. When there is an outage, the battery automatically switches ON. Your device continues without any power interruption. A battery powered energy source like the Portable Outlet could buy you up to 10 hours to find other arrangements and it is fast and easy. If you or a loved one rely on a in-home medical device, don't wait for the next big storm, make a power outage emergency plan today. As always, we at Main Street Medical Supply are here to help. If you have questions about your at-home medical devices or you would like to purchase a Portable Outlet, come in and see us today. We are happy to help. *(The Portable Outlet is \$329)*

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Celebrate personal mobility with a rollator. We have a wide variety of dual height adjustment Rollators for a custom fit, and color choices that are beautiful and unique. Try the Rise UP Rollator. It gives your body the vehicle to Rise Up and look forward. The unique design makes walking with an upright forward looking posture, optimum control, and stability easy. The Rise Up Rollator reduces body strain and fatigue. Come in and check out our selection of Rollators today. *(Ranging from \$195-\$392)*

