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- Make sure flashlights, battery-powered lanterns and other sources of light are readily available and batteries are fresh.
- Have an adequate supply of medicine, first aid supplies and baby items
- Keep at least two weeks supply of bottled water, non-perishable food items, batteries and firewood on hand.
- Make sure to get prescriptions refilled in case of an extended power outage or extensive damages to the area.
- Have identification and documentation on hand, such as social security card, driver's license, birth certificate and insurance information – home, car and life.
- Have an evacuation plan for your family in case of an extended power outage
- Listen to weather forecasts and predictions for possible hurricanes
- Stay inside away from windows
- Don't leave candles unattended and keep them away from furniture, draperies and other flammable materials
- Do not open freezers and refrigerators any more than absolutely necessary.
- Turn off heating and air conditioning systems, as well as the electric range.
- Unplug sensitive electronics such as TVs, DVD players and computers; this will protect your appliance against power fluctuations that can occur when power is restored.
- After power is restored, be sure to wait five to ten minutes before turning on appliances and heating systems.
- If power lines and poles are down in your yard or in the street, always treat them as if they are energized and dangerous. Never touch them and stay away. Make sure to call Berlin.
- Debris from the storm can hide power lines that have fallen. Fallen trees that contain energized power lines can electrocute any item it comes in contact with, such as a metal fence, a pond or standing water. Even the ground can be energized near fallen power lines.

For more information, please visit the National Center at www.nhc.noaa.gov