WHAT TO DO IF THE POWER GOES OUT!

Being prepared is super important for any Trailblazer. To be prepared is to have a plan, and we are going to get a plan.

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Discuss your outage plan with your parents and implement items that you all agree on.

So, what do we do if the power goes out? Panic? I don't think so. TrailBlazers don't panic. Here are some essential preparedness items:

- Flashlights. All too often these contain dead batteries and in an emergency, you can't find them. Make sure you have at least one good flashlight with good batteries that you can always find easily.
- Candles are a good item with matches. These make for another great item to have at hand. Additionally, glow sticks are a good emergency item.
- When your power goes out, will you have water? If you are on well water, you probably won't. Make sure you have some fresh water in storage just in case.
- Cooking, Can you cook without electricity? If you can't, make a backup plan. Perhaps it's a camping stove, or a few days of food for the family that does not need cooking.
- Heat. If you have an outage in winter, will the house still be heated? Outages are more likely in a snowstorm. So making sure we have a plan for heat could be super important. At the very least have lots of

warm clothes, and perhaps alternative non-electrical heaters.

 Cool. If it is a summer outage, you'll want to keep the food cool as long as possible. That means keep the fridge and freezer door shut all the time. Try not to open them at all.

