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## Quick Tips for those without power due to the Dec 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Ice Storm

- Call your electrical utility to determine when power will be restored to your area.
- To help prevent freezing pipes, turn on faucets slightly. Running water will not freeze as quickly.
- Open cabinet doors to allow more heat to get to un-insulated pipes under a sink or appliance near an outer wall.
- *If Pipes Freeze or if you are forced to abandon your home* - Shut off the water, in case pipes burst stopping the water flow will minimize the damage to your home. Call a plumber to unthaw pipes and **Never** try to thaw a pipe with an open flame or torch.
- Protect yourself from carbon monoxide poisoning:  
**DO NOT** operate generators indoors; the motor emits deadly carbon monoxide gas.  
**DO NOT** use charcoal to cook indoors. It, too, can cause a buildup of carbon monoxide gas.  
**DO NOT** use your gas oven to heat your home -- prolonged use of an open oven in a closed house can create carbon monoxide gas.  
Make sure fuel space heaters are used with proper ventilation.
- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible to help reduce food spoilage.

Contact your local or state emergency management center for important information on emergency shelters and other help – Vermont residents can call 211.