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Power Outage



Extreme weather conditions, like rainstorms and blizzards, affect many parts of the country both in the winter and summer. Staying indoors is a safe option; however, what should you do if the power goes out?

First, check your circuit breaker to see if there is a problem with your electric panel. If everything is alright there, check your neighborhood to see if their lights are out too. You may also contact your utility company to report the issue and determine whether it is a power outage or a transformer issue and how long it will take to fix it.

In case of a power outage, here are some essential things to keep in mind:

- Keep a flashlight handy. You may own one, but if you can't find it in the dark, having one is pointless. Make sure you keep it in a fixed and easily accessible place so you don't stumble and injure yourself in the dark.
- Keep extra batteries and backup flashlights, if possible. You may not know how long it will take to get the power back. Therefore, having a backup is essential.
- A battery-operated radio is a helpful tool to have during power outages. Not only can you stay informed about the prevailing conditions in your locality, but you can also get updates about neighboring areas where your loved ones may be.
- Children tend to be afraid of the dark. You must communicate and ease their minds during a power outage. You can also hold drills on how they should conduct themselves in the dark so that they are somewhat prepared in case there is no electricity.
- Candles are useful but dangerous, especially if you have little ones and pets around the house. Make sure you have sturdy candle holders and place them at an elevated level to avoid tripping them over.
- Keep ample water and ready-to-eat food supplies, especially if you are stranded in the house without power for a while.
- Switch off all your appliances to avoid damage once the electricity is back. There is likely to be a surge in the voltage when power returns, which can damage electrical appliances that are switched on at that time.
- Keep emergency medical numbers at hand if you or your family encounter an emergency during a power outage. Stay safe and keep a look out for others' safety as well.
- While landlines may be disconnected, conserving your cell phone battery is crucial to stay connected.

Many people install backup generators to deal with a power outage situation. While they are beneficial, they can be tricky to install. It is best to have your devices connected to a generator by a licensed and qualified electrician to ensure everyone's safety.

Curious Facts about the U.S. Presidency



President's Day, also known as Washington's Birthday in many states, is celebrated on the third Monday of February every year. The day is dedicated to honoring and commemorating the previous presidents of the United States of America.

Here are some interesting facts about our presidents that you may not be aware of:

- Did you know that three of our presidents are Grammy award winners? Yes, Jimmy Carter, Bill Clinton, and Barack Obama have won the award for Best Spoken Word Album of their audio biographies.
- Bill Clinton was also a member of a band known as the "Three Blind Mice" in high school.
- Gerald Ford modeled for the cover of Cosmopolitan in his Navy uniform. Soon after, he married another model, Elizabeth Bloomer, who became known as First Lady Betty Ford.
- Ronald Reagan was a stand-up comedian in Las Vegas. Later, he became a television show host, eventually landing in the seat of the President.
- John Quincy would wake up early in the morning and go skinny dipping in the Potomac River. While risky now, it was very common to go skinny dipping in the 1800s.
- The White House was not always known by this name. President Theodore Roosevelt officially gave it this name and had it engraved on his stationery. Previously, the White House was called The Executive Mansion and the President's Palace.
- Warren Harding's love for the game of poker was quite well-known. During one of his games, he bet all of the White House china that had been there since President Benjamin Harrison's time and lost it. After all, even presidents are people!
- Many of our presidents have been known to share a love for animals. Many animals have inhabited the White House lawns, from hounds, horses, and grizzly bears to rabbits, raccoons, and opossums.
- Ulysses S. Grant was an acclaimed equestrian of his time. However, did you know that he was arrested for overspeeding his horse and buggy twice in a 24-hour duration?
- Thomas Jefferson and John Adams were rival presidents who died on the same day, with a gap of 2 hours between their deaths. Although known for their professional rivalry, they were very friendly in their personal lives.
- Teddy Roosevelt, who was also blind in the left eye due to a boxing match injury, was the youngest incumbent of the presidential office at the age of 42 years and ten months. Joe Biden is the oldest office holder at 78 years and two months.



Recipe of the Month: Rhubarb Crumble



Easy to prepare recipe for rhubarb lovers everywhere!

Prepare Crumbles:

Combine 1 cup flour, 1/3 cup oats, 3/4 cup sugar, and a pinch of salt in a bowl. Stir in 6 tablespoons of melted butter and 1/2 cup of chopped hazelnuts. Squeeze into large crumbles and place in the freezer.

Prepare Filling:

Toss 2 pounds chopped rhubarb, 1/3 cup sugar, 1/4 cup flour, 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract, 1/2 teaspoon orange zest, and 1/4 teaspoon salt in an 8-by-8-inch glass or ceramic baking dish. Scatter the crumble on top and bake in a preheated 375 degrees F oven until golden and bubbly, 45 minutes. Let cool for 15 minutes.

Serve with whipped cream.

Recipe and photo courtesy of Foodnetwork.com

What's Happening In & Around Athens

Feb 26

[Postcard From Morocco](#)
UGA Fine Arts Theatre

Mar 3-5

[Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Show](#)
The Classic Center Grand Hall

Mar 17

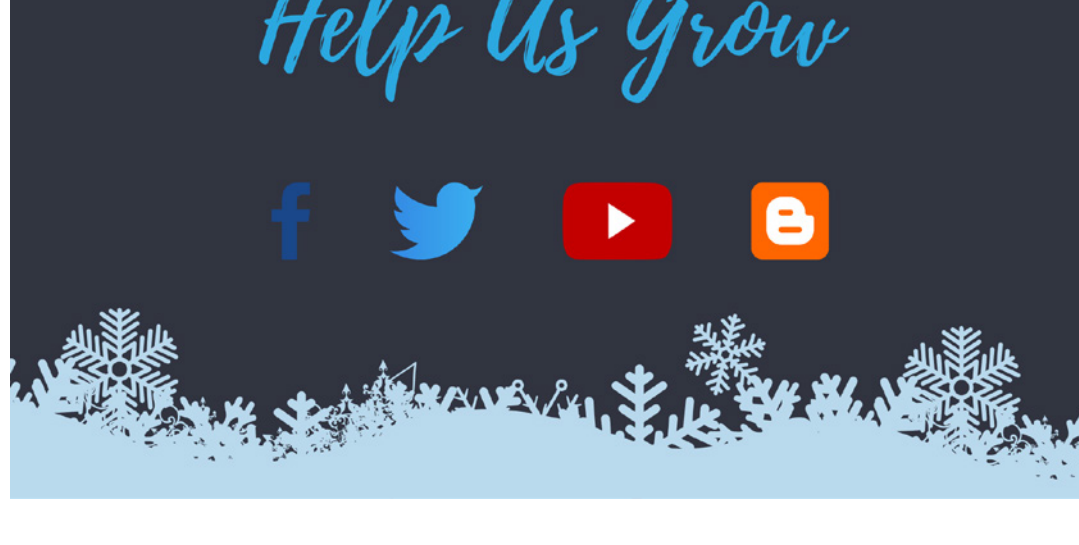
[Legacy Reunion of Earth, Wind & Fire](#)
The Classic Center Theatre

Mar 19

[Georgia Questival](#)
State Botanical Gardens of Georgia

Mar 31

[Joe Gotto](#)
The Classic Center Theatre



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