

PLANNING FOR POWER OUTAGES

Be Prepared. A good place to start is the Eversource Storm Preparedness Guide: www.eversource.com/content/ema-c/residential/outages/storm-preparedness.

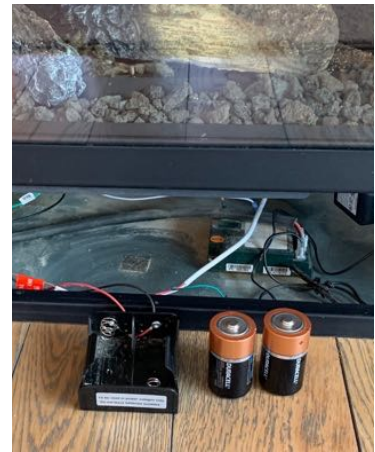
Here are some additional suggestions:

Stay Warm. Your fireplace will go out during a power outage, but you can ignite it with 2 D-cell batteries. The blower will not operate, but the fireplace will supply radiant heat. Full instructions on page 12 of the Heatilator Owners Manual: <https://downloads.hearthnhome.com/installManuals/2382981.pdf>. Essentially, this involves accessing the battery tray under the firebox and inserting the batteries. You can then use the wall switch to ignite the fireplace. After power is restored, make sure to remove the batteries. You may want to test this procedure before the next storm.

Stay Fed. You may be able to light your gas range with a long-neck lighter or a fireplace match. ***Be sure to check your owner's manual.*** You can also cook outdoors on your BBQ grill if you have one – keep a spare tank of propane outside all year round. You can keep food cold longer by keeping ice packs in your freezer. You can transfer them to your refrigerator or to a cooler.

Stay Powered. Have flashlights and lanterns in your storm preparedness kit – NOT wax candles. Keep a supply of all the types of batteries you might need in the event of an emergency.

Stay Connected. Your cell phone is your lifeline during a power outage. It is your news feed, your radio, your link to help. Invest in at least one backup power bank, and keep it charged and handy at all times. You can also charge the phone in your car ... but NOT inside your garage. The door opener buttons won't work during an outage – so you have to lift them open. The first step is to disengage the automatic opener by pulling on the red emergency release cord. (see page 9 in the user guide: <http://embed.widencdn.net/pdf/plus/cgi/nh01txnuub/114A5288.pdf?u=gsn58x>).



Remove the decorative front of the fireplace to access the battery tray in the control cavity.



Some cell phone power banks include a flashlight – very handy during a power outage



The emergency cord will automatically reengage when power is restored.



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