

# Meath Community



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## Preparedness Alliance

### WHO TO CALL FOR HELP

Fire Service  
Ambulance  
Gardaí  
Coast Guard

### MEATH COUNTY COUNCIL HELPLINE

Meath County Council have a dedicated Helpline for people to report emergency issues they may encounter during adverse events

- Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm 046 9097000
- Out of Hours after 5pm and Weekends 1800 445 335



### MEATH ALERTS

Meath County Council's free alert service for people living and working in County Meath. This service gives you quick information for things that may affect you including notices relating to roads, water, planning, community and other isolated events such as severe weather emergencies.

You can easily subscribe to get alerts by SMS Text Alert and email from Meath County Council. The service is completely free, there is no cost to receive alerts through any channel, including by SMS text messages.

### PREPARE A HOUSEHOLD EMERGENCY KIT

Prepare a small emergency kit and keep it safe where it is easy to reach.

#### SUGGESTED ITEMS TO PREPARE:

- A battery-operated radio with Spare batteries
- Battery operated torch with spare batteries
- First Aid kit, toiletries and prescriptions
- Contact details for neighbours and family members
- Pen and paper
- Water, food supplies, pet food.
- Plastic bags

#### To Register

Registration is free and available online - [alerts.meath.ie](https://alerts.meath.ie)

- **Gas Networks Ireland** 1800 20 50 50 | [networksinfo@gasnetworks.ie](mailto:networksinfo@gasnetworks.ie)
- **ESB Networks** 1800 372 999
- **Uisce Éireann** 1800 278 278



# HOME FIRE SAFETY TIPS

DURING A POWER OUTAGE-  
SEVERE WEATHER

## Test Smoke Alarms

Ensure your smoke alarms are working properly.

## Safe Lighting

During a power cut use battery-operated lights or torches as an alternative light source. If you must use candles, make sure you:

- Keep lit candles in candle holders
- Do not use candles as a light source when moving from room to room
- Keep candles away from anything that could catch fire
- Never leave a lit candle alone
- Only light candles in a room you are using and if going out, or going to sleep, make sure all candles are extinguished
- Only put candles on a heat resistant surface or holders.

## Heating Safety

Do not use ovens or stoves for heating—they can cause carbon monoxide poisoning. Never leave portable heaters unattended or running while you sleep.

Following the guidance below can help you safely heat your home during a power cut:

- Keep heaters away from curtains and furniture and never use them for drying clothes
- Switch off portable heaters when you go out, are not in the room, or go to bed
- If possible, secure portable heaters in a stable position
- Carbon monoxide detectors should be used in all rooms with gas or paraffin heaters
- Never use portable gas cylinder heaters in high rise flats
- Always change gas cylinders in the open air
- Never move a bottled gas or oil heater when it is lit
- Never leave portable heaters unattended or running while you sleep.

## Cooking Safety

Be cautious when cooking. Gas stoves may work but ignite carefully. Never use camp stoves or charcoal grills indoors—they produce carbon monoxide. If using a fireplace, keep the chimney clean and flue open.

## Electrical Safety When Power Returns

When Power Returns Disconnect generators before restoring main power to prevent power surge hazards. Check cords and appliances for damage before use. If you smell gas or suspect a leak, evacuate and call Gas Networks Ireland 24 hour Emergency Line on 1800 20 50 50 no matter who your gas supplier is.