



# What To Do When The Heat Goes Out

## How to Stay Warm, Keep Pipes from Freezing, and More.

Whether it's a breakdown in your heating system, a power outage, or simply bad luck, there are many instances where homeowners may have to survive the cold without a source of heat.

### Stay Warm

When dealing with a heating outage, you may think to use your oven to warm you up. Think twice. Using a gas oven can lead to carbon monoxide poisoning and an electric oven was not designed for space heating. Use your fireplace (if you have one) or consider using a portable space heater (though you must use caution when using a space heater as it can be dangerous if not used properly.)

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### Stay Safe

Carbon monoxide poisoning is the greatest danger when attempting to heat your home by alternative means. Never use heating sources designed for outdoor use inside your home, garage, or crawlspace. Kerosene heaters, barbecue grills, camp stoves, and any device powered by gasoline, propane, or charcoal can emit carbon monoxide and also pose a fire hazard. A wood stove or fireplace is your safest bet.



### Don't Forget the Rest of the Family

The simplest way to stay warm during a heat outage is to layer up. Putting on multiple layers (long underwear, sweaters, coats, socks, gloves, hats) is a good first defense for you and your

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