



What to do in a Power Outage

Power outages can impact your home's wastewater treatment system

Electrical outages can happen at *any time* caused by a variety of reasons such as area outages, tripped breakers, etc. Because your treatment system requires electricity to operate, your system will not operate properly until the power is restored and the electrical components return to normal operation.

WARNING: during a power outage your system WILL CONTINUE TO FILL if you use water to flush toilets, wash dishes, and take showers. When sewage doesn't get pumped to the dripfield, the pump chamber becomes full and SEWAGE MAY BACK-UP INTO YOUR HOUSE!

BE WATER-WISE DURING A POWER OUTAGE

Your system has a one-day supply of emergency storage space in the pump chamber, so you should **reduce and limit your water usage**, especially if you are unsure when power will be restored.

- Flush toilets only when necessary
- Take sponge or very short baths
- Do not run water while brushing teeth, shaving or cooking.
- Most importantly, **STOP ALL WATER USAGE** if sewage backs up into the house or if you notice water or sewage surfacing near your system!

TYPICAL FIXTURE WATER USAGE:

NON LOW-FLOW TOILET =	6 gal/flush
LOW-FLOW TOILET =	3.5 gal/flush
ULTRA LOW-FLOW TOILET =	1.6 gal/flush
REGULAR SHOWER HEAD =	7-8 gal/min
LOW-FLOW SHOWER HEAD =	2-3 gal/min
BATHTUB =	25-45 gallons
RUNNING FAUCET =	2-3 gal/min
WASHING MACHINE =	40-55 gal/load
DISHWASHER =	6-15 gal/load

WHAT TO DO WHEN THE POWER COMES BACK ON

When power returns, make sure that power to your system is also restored (the blower is running). Check for tripped circuit breakers, if necessary.

If the high-water alarm sounds when the power is restored, it means that sewage has filled the reserve storage area of your pump chamber. Your system will automatically enter into an override mode to lower the water level and clear the high-water setting. To stop the audible alarm, simply toggle the side switch to MUTE, or press the "SILENCE ALARM" button on the front of your panel.

While it depends on how much stored water the system needs to eliminate, your system will generally clear the high-water alarm in less than 24 hours.

IF YOUR ALARM REMAINS ACTIVATED FOR MORE THAN 24 HOURS, CONTACT YOUR SERVICE PROVIDER!