POWER OUTAGE

Initial Actions	
	Call 9-1-1 if the power outage causes or threatens a medical emergency (e.g., power is lost to a ventilator).
	If the power outage poses a risk to the safety of residents, staff or visitors, take actions to reduce/eliminate the threat without jeopardizing the safety of staff.
	Report the outage to the appropriate utility company or repair vendor.
	Activate facility's EOP
	Activate back-up power and/or emergency lighting if necessary.
	Comfort and assess residents for signs of distress.
	Account for all residents.
	To the extent possible, mobilize emergency back-up power generators and necessary fuel for operation.
	Take all reasonable steps to protect food and water supplies and maintain a safe environment of care for residents and staff.
	If the decision is made to evacuate the facility, see RAPID RESPONSE – EVACUATION. If the decision is made to shelter in place, see RAPID RESPONSE – SHELTER IN PLACE. Consult other RAPID RESPONSE Guides as appropriate to the situation causing the power outage, e.g., flood.