



Power Outage Safety & Resources

Charlottesville Fire Department



PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH OTHERS

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE COOLING CENTERS:

For those affected by the excessive heat and the power outage, the City is designating Key Recreation Center and Tonsler Recreation Center as cooling centers until further notice. No physical activity will be allowed in the centers and all CDC and Virginia Health Department COVID-19 guidelines will be followed. A facemask and temperature check will be required to enter the facilities.

- **Key Recreation Center** is located at 800 E. Market Street. The hours of operation are Noon-6:00 pm Monday through Saturday; Closed Sunday.
- **Tonsler Recreation Center** is located at 501 Cherry Avenue. The hours of operation are Noon to 6:00 pm Monday through Saturday; Closed Sunday.

For more information, go to www.charlottesville.gov/CivicAlerts

PROTECT YOURSELF DURING A POWER OUTAGE:

- Only use generators outdoors and away from windows.
- Disconnect appliances and electronics to avoid damage from electrical surges.
- Check and make sure your stove and oven are turned to the off position.
- Have alternate plans for refrigerating medicines or using power-dependent medical devices.
- Go to an alternate location for heat or cooling.
- Check on neighbors.

For more information, go to www.ready.gov/power-outages

REFRIGERATORS & FREEZERS:

- Keep freezers and refrigerators closed.
- When in doubt, throw it out! Throw away any food that has been exposed to temperatures 40 degrees or higher for two hours or more, or that has an unusual odor, color, or texture.
- If the power is out for more than a day, discard any medication that should be refrigerated, unless the drug's label says otherwise. Contact your doctor and pharmacy immediately.

POWER LINE SAFETY

- Stay at least 30 feet away from downed lines - consider them energized and dangerous!
- Electricity travels! Never touch a power line with any part of your body or with objects.
- Electricity can move through conductive materials like water, metal, wood, aluminum, string and plastics.
- Keep away from heavily flooded and debris-laden areas; power lines could be buried underneath.
- Protect your pets! Keep your pets as far away from lines as possible.

For more information:

www.dominionenergy.com/outages/downed-power-lines

Call 866-366-4357 to report downed power lines.

CHECK YOUR SMOKE ALARM:

- Make sure you have a working smoke alarm, at minimum, on every floor of your home.
- A working smoke alarms must:
 - Sound an alarm when the test button is depressed.
 - Be less than 10 years old.
 - Have a battery that was replaced in the last six months, if applicable.

For more information, go to www.charlottesville.gov/244/Free-Smoke-Alarm