

Power Outage

Power outages can occur unexpectedly and may result from severe weather, utility failures, equipment malfunctions, public safety power shutoffs, or natural disasters. While most outages are brief, prolonged outages can disrupt lighting, communications, heating and cooling systems, access control, elevators, and other critical campus operations.

The Master's University Emergency Management Department, in coordination with Campus Safety, Facilities Services, Information Technology, and utility providers, is prepared to respond to power outages and support campus operations during electrical disruptions. During an outage, your safety and situational awareness are critical.

During a Power Outage

If the power goes out:

- Remain calm.
- Stay where you are and assess your surroundings.
- Use flashlights or battery-powered lighting if available.
- Do not use candles or open flames.
- Check for injuries or hazards around you.
- Preserve your cell phone battery by limiting non-essential use.
- Monitor official university communications if available.

If You Are Indoors

- Remain in a safe location.
- Use caution when moving through dark areas.
- Avoid using elevators.
- If emergency lighting is operational, follow illuminated exit routes if evacuation becomes necessary.
- Report any hazardous conditions to Campus Safety.

If You Are in an Elevator

If an elevator loses power:

- Remain calm.
- Use the emergency phone or call button if available.
- Call 911 if necessary.
- Contact TMU Campus Safety at (661) 713-7561.
- Do not attempt to force open elevator doors or exit the elevator on your own.
- Wait for trained emergency personnel to assist you.

If You Are Operating Equipment

- Turn off and unplug sensitive electronic equipment if safe to do so.
- Turn off laboratory equipment, appliances, and machinery that could present hazards when power returns.
- Protect computers and other devices from potential power surges.

During an Extended Power Outage

If the outage is expected to continue for an extended period:

- Follow instructions from university officials and Campus Safety.
- Be prepared for temporary disruptions to communications and services.
- Conserve cell phone battery life.
- Use flashlights rather than candles.
- Stay hydrated and dress appropriately for weather conditions.
- Be prepared to relocate if directed by university officials.

Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS)

Southern California utility providers may implement Public Safety Power Shutoffs during periods of elevated wildfire risk.

If a planned power shutoff occurs:

- Monitor official university communications.
- Charge electronic devices before the outage begins.

- Prepare for possible disruptions to campus operations.
- Follow guidance provided by university officials and emergency personnel.

Report Emergencies

Immediately report:

- Medical emergencies
- Fire or smoke
- Downed power lines
- Electrical hazards
- Persons trapped in elevators

Contact:

- 911 for life-threatening emergencies.
- TMU Campus Safety: (661) 713-7561

When Power Is Restored

When electrical service returns:

- Allow systems to stabilize before using sensitive electronics.
- Check for damage to equipment or facilities.
- Reset clocks and electronic devices.
- Report any equipment failures, unusual odors, smoke, or electrical problems.
- Continue to follow university instructions regarding campus operations.

Preparedness

Prepare for power outages by:

- Keeping a flashlight readily available.
- Maintaining a charged cell phone and backup battery.
- Familiarizing yourself with campus emergency procedures.
- Registering for Mustang Alert emergency notifications.
- Keeping essential medications and supplies accessible.

Remember: During a power outage, remain calm, avoid unnecessary risks, conserve resources, and follow instructions from university officials and emergency responders.

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." — John 1:5 (ESV)

