

# Candles

When your power is out, you may be introducing potential hazards to your home. Please review the following tips and take extra precautions to ensure that everyone stays safe.

- Extinguish all candles and let them cool when leaving the room or going to bed. **Never leave a candle unattended.**
- Place lit candles out of reach of children and pets and away from other objects like furniture, curtains, papers, party decorations, and clothing.
- Cut the wick short to prevent a high flame.
- Keep matches and lighters out of sight and out of reach of children.
- Candles should remain in a secure candleholder at all times.
  - Sturdy to not tip over.
  - Able to firmly hold the candle upright.
  - Not made of plastic or wood as those materials are more likely to break.

## Candle Alternatives

- Flashlights are a preferred lighting source during a power outage.
- Solar lights offer a cheap lighting source as they do not require batteries like flashlights, are rechargeable, and do not pose a fire risk like candles.

