



# Department of Public Safety



MOTT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## do 1 thing

Does family preparedness seem like a daunting task? Kits, plans, preparedness, would you rather just take your chances and hope for the best?

What about if an entire plan were broken down into 12 parts or steps? Would it seem more attainable and less like a chore? We think so! And we have just the website to help! do1thing.com is going to help us help you to break this down into achievable steps. Before you know, you'll be all set!

This month, it's all about **power**. The goal is to be able to safely meet your basic needs during an electrical outage. Choose one of the following things to do this month to become better prepared.

- Acquire and *learn* how to safely use a portable generator.
- Have flashlights ready in an easily accessible place and check batteries in flashlights and radios.
- Create a power outage plan—decide what you can do before, during and after a power outage to minimize the effect on your household.

>Before the power goes out: fill empty space in freezer with containers of water (this keep food colder longer), learn how to use the manual release on your automatic garage door opener, keep a car charger for your cell phone, keep your car's gas tank at least half full (stations may not be operable in an outage).

>After the power goes out: unplug major appliances and electronics to avoid power spikes, open refrigerators/freezers only when necessary to minimize spoilage, use a battery-powered radio to stay informed.

So that's it. Pick one of those things to do this month and you'll be taking the first step in being prepared for an emergency. You can do it! Visit [do1thing.com](http://do1thing.com) for fact sheets, more information and an email reminder system. Watch for November's topic—Emergency Supplies. After all, it's just one thing

"If your kids are worried about disaster, talk to them. Giving them good information will make them feel more in control of the situation."

Ronda, Emergency Management Specialist

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### Important Numbers

- EMERGENCY  
(810) 762-5666
- NON-EMERGENCY  
(810) 762-0222
- CAMPUS CLOSING  
(810) 232-8989

We may think we act because of the way we feel but often we feel because of the way we act.

Act the way you want to feel.

~ Gretchen Rubin

Consider a donation of candy, money or time to the annual community children's Halloween party. Call or stop into our office. We appreciate it!



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# MCC Halloween Party

Friday, October 28th 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Activities for the children!

Haunted House  
Costume Contest

with prizes

Treat Bags

Bounce Houses

Face Painting

Story Telling

DJ



Join us at the  
Ballenger Field House



Children must be accompanied by an adult.