Utility Outages

Electricity outage - The fire system is protected with batteries in this case of emergencies, we also have emergency lights to direct employees and students for the nearest exit. The Emergency Coordinator is responsible to coordinate the electricity outage then the Maintenance Department is responsible and/or the local Electricity Co. to restore the service.

Water outage – In the case of a water shortage from the general line the El Paso Water Utilities Co. will be contacted.

Power Outage
In the event of a major, campus-wide outage, the College has emergency generators that will restore power to some areas of campus. Keep a flashlight and batteries in key locations throughout your work areas.

In case of a major, campus-wide power outage:
1. Remain calm.
2. Follow directions from the Emergency Coordinator for immediate action.
3. If evacuation of a building is required, seek out persons with special needs and provide assistance.
4. Laboratory personnel should secure all experiments, unplug electrical equipment (including computers) and shut off research gases prior to evacuating. All chemicals should be stored in their original locations. Fully CLOSE fume hoods. If this is not possible or natural ventilation is inadequate, evacuate the laboratory until the power is restored.
5. Do not use candles, lighters or other types of open flames for illumination purposes.
6. Unplug all electrical equipment (including computers) and turn off the light switches.

If people are trapped in an elevator:
1. Tell passengers to stay calm and that you are getting help.
2. Call 911 and provide information.
3. Stay near the passengers until police or other assistance arrives provided it is safe to stay in the building.
4. Do not try to pry open the elevator or extract people from a trapped elevator car.