

## Power Outages & the Performing Arts



Satellite photo of the Great U.S. Blackout, August 2003

During the first five months of 2018 we have experienced some quirky weather in Ohio and the contiguous states. I'm talking about you Michigan, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Indiana. We don't have to worry so much about the effects of hurricanes, although we might experience unusual storms and weather patterns as a result of strong coastal storms. As summer approaches it is the time to think about power consumption, and how brownouts and blackouts might impact us.

Some of you may remember the Great U.S. Blackout in August 2003. August 14 found most of us completely unprepared for life without access to power. What will you do when the power goes out? How about having a conversation on the topic at your next staff meeting?

Here are some resources to help get the conversation started.

- Power Outages (<https://www.ready.gov/power-outages>)
- FEMA Video – Be Prepared for Power Outages (<https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/videos/98042>)
- Power Outage Mars Gershwin Show at Concerts in Garden (<http://www.star-telegram.com/entertainment/performing-arts/article82052262.html>)
- The Importance of Theater In a 9-Day Power Outage (<https://artistrearts.com/importance-theater-9-day-power-outage/>)

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