

MCB Hawaii Family PREPAREDNESS PLAN for Power Outages

Dated May 5, 2015

MCB Hawaii will experience a series of power outages that will affect family housing. This series of power outages will affect both the east side of the base (everything East of Nu'upia stream) on four Saturdays beginning 14 Feb 2015, and the entire base on three Saturdays, as listed below:

- ✓ 14 Feb/ Sat/ 0630 to 0100. [Completed](#)
- ✓ 28 Feb/ Sat/ 0630 to 1900 [Completed](#)
- ✓ 14 Mar/ Sat/ 0630 to 2100. [Completed](#)
- ✓ 28 Mar/ Sat/ 0630 to 2100. [Completed](#)
- ✓ 11 Apr/ Sat/ 0630 to 2230. [Completed](#)
- 25 Apr/ Sat/ 0630 to 2100. [Completed](#)
- 9 May / Sat/ 0630 to 2230. Entire base, KBay, MCB Hawaii.

The following are recommendations to prepare yourself for the day and other important information you may need to know:

- ✓ See list of facilities that will be open below.
- ✓ Recommend having cash on hand if you want to go to the few establishments that will be open.
- ✓ Fill up your vehicle with fuel prior.
- ✓ Fill up your propane tank if you plan on grilling!
- ✓ Charge your cell phones and batteries.
- ✓ Remember automatic garage door openers won't work while the electricity is out.
- ✓ All automatic garage doors have a manual release to open the door, but suggest moving car to driveway the night before if you are unsure how to operate.
- ✓ Don't forget to take your house key with you if you leave!
- ✓ Reset Your Water Heater: After the power outage you will need to reset the timer on your water heater so that your water will be heated by solar power (instead of electricity) during the day. This will also ensure that you and your family have enough hot water when you need it. Please click the link below to view the video with easy step-by-step instructions:
<http://vimeo.com/29448909>.
- ✓ If you have any medical concerns because of this upcoming outage, please contact your doctor for guidance on whether or not you should plan to go to a medical treatment facility or somewhere else with air conditioning (e.g. Windward Mall, etc.) for the duration of this outage.
- ✓ Prior to the power outage, disconnect power source from computers, printers (standalone and network), copiers, multi-function devices, fax machines and other peripherals such as external hard drives and DVD/CD drives.
- ✓ Prior to the power outage, properly disconnect sensitive appliances, such as, televisions, microwaves, advanced-technology washers and dryers, electronic game consoles, fans, lamps, etc., to avoid potential power-surge damage when electricity is restored.
- ✓ Do not attempt to place personal generators on the base grid!
- ✓ Call **9-11** for all emergencies; call 257-2123 for nonemergency police matters.
- ✓ **Do not attempt to pull a fire alarm** in a building; the signal will not reach the fire department.

Notifications

- MCBH uses a system called **ATHOC**, which uses mobile app alerts, texting, phone calls, desktop pop-ups, and giant voice notices throughout the base to transmit messages. If interested in receiving a text or downloading the app, have your active duty spouse add your information into this system on their work computer or call 257-8460 for more information.



MCBH will provide up to date information on the MCBH Homepage, <http://www.mcbhawaii.marines.mil>

- MCBH will provide information on the MCBH Facebook page, www.facebook.com/MarineCorpsBaseHawaii Get onto Facebook now and click "like".
- For more information, prior to, during, and after the outage, call MCB Hawaii Operations Center at **330-9636/257-8457/8474/3022** to confirm electrical power restoration.
- Once power restoration is confirmed, your personal electrical equipment may then be reconnected.



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Food Safety message

- ✓ **If the power is out for less than four hours**, the food in your refrigerator and freezer is safe to consume. While the power is out, keep the refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible to keep food cold for longer. Or, place food that may spoil in a cooler with ice. Do not open freezer during this period.
- ✓ **If the power is out for longer than four hours, follow the guidelines below:** A freezer that is half full will hold food safely for up to 24 hours. A full freezer will hold food safely for 48 hours. Do not open the freezer door if you can avoid it. For the refrigerator: Pack milk, other dairy products, meat, fish, eggs, gravy, and spoilable leftovers into a cooler surrounded by ice. Inexpensive Styrofoam coolers are fine for this purpose.
- ✓ Use a food thermometer to check the temperature of your food before you cook or eat it. Throw away any food with a temperature of more than 40 degrees Fahrenheit.

Crime Prevention

During a large-scale power outage, the potential for criminal activity aboard the installation may increase. There are a number of steps you can take to reduce the possibility of falling victim to criminal activity.

- ✓ If you will be departing the island on leave, enroll in the House Check Program. This is designed to ensure consistent physical checks of your property are conducted on a daily basis.
- ✓ During the evening hours, substitute hanging bells from your doors to compensate for electronic alarms until the power is restored.
- ✓ Ensure your valuables are well-hidden or take them with you when you depart your residence.
- ✓ Be extra vigilant; personally check in with neighbors-- keep a watchful eye on their homes and ask that they do the same.

For more questions regarding Crime Prevention Programs, contact the Crime Prevention Coordinator at 257-8312 or visit the PMO Website:

<http://www.mcbhawaii.marines.mil/Departments/ProvostMarshalsOffice/CrimePreventionPrograms.aspx>

2015 BASEWIDE POWER OUTAGE STATUS OF BUSINESSES

<u>Location</u>	14 Feb (Sat) Completed	28 Feb (Sat) Completed	14 Mar (Sat) Completed	28 Mar (Sat) Completed	11 Apr (Sat) Completed	25 Apr (Sat) Completed	9 May (Sat) 0630-2230 (Entire Base)	NOTES
Marine Mart							0600 - 2400	Normal Business Hours.
Marine Mart Gas							Open	Credit Card Purchased Only.
Youth Sports								See revised Schedule on www.mccshawaii.com/youthsports .

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Express							1700	
Gas & More							Closed	
KBay Gas Lanes							Closed	
Firestone							Closed	
Dist Center*							Closed	*No customer pickups.
UPS Store							Closed	
Barber Shop							Closed	
Beauty Salon							Closed	
GNC							Closed	
Enterprise							Closed	
Aloha Key & Awards							Closed	
DirectTV							Closed	
H&R Block							Closed	
Game Stop							Closed	
Auto Detailer							Closed	
DECA Commissary							Closed	
Banks							Closed	
Post Office							Closed	

Please be aware: Facilities that are open may not have phone connectivity. If customers are trying to reach a particular facility, it is best to visit in person.