



## Protecting your tropical fish during a power cut

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At Northern Ireland Electricity Networks, we understand that you have put a lot of time and money into your tropical fish and that during a power cut they will need protected from a drop in water temperature and loss of oxygen.

Power cuts can happen for many reasons; there can be severe weather, damage to our cable and lines by others, a breakdown of our equipment or trees bringing wires down.

If you experience a power cut you can contact us 24 hours a day to report a power cut on **03457 643 643** or online at [www.nienetworks.co.uk](http://www.nienetworks.co.uk)

### Top tips

Here are some top tips on how you and your fish can be prepared for a power cut:

- Have spare essential equipment such as a heater and filter that are battery operated.
- Try to insulate the tank, wrap it in a blanket or place hot water bottles with warm water around the tank.
- To keep oxygen levels up while the power is off, fish suppliers recommend using a cheap bubble-up filter that can be run off a battery-powered air pump.
- A cheaper method would be to use a bicycle pump to accelerate the water at regular intervals.

- Disturbing the water for five minutes each hour is advised during a power cut. You can do this by filling a jug with the tank water and pouring it back to make as much movement as possible.

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