

BREATHE Easier in Power Outage Emergencies

HMEC Preparedness Checklist for Clients

- Review operation of equipment and ask client to read equipment manual/instructions, including alternate power sources
- Provide client with: BREATHE Easier in Power Outages Handout/Magnet and Respiratory Support Emergency Plan (People Who Rely on Power-Operated Equipment section)
- Provide 1-page County Respiratory Emergency Plan (for clients)
Review the following items from the BREATHE magnet:
- Fill in the type of equipment, brand/model #
- Provide and fill in ALL HMEC contact info
- Discuss importance of identifying a local and out-of-area support team (with generators)
- Encourage getting a generator if powered equipment is required for maintaining client's health; professionally installed
- Discuss other alternate power sources and costs
- Discuss the helpfulness of texting in emergencies
- Discuss electricity company medical equipment registry
- Discuss importance of compiling emergency supplies, including extra medical equipment (keep old machine)/supplies