UTILITY OUTAGES

In many instances, utility outages will be for a short duration of time. Emergency lighting and alarm systems will operate for a period of time to safely guide your way out of a building. Status of utility interruptions can be found at:

New Brunswick http://www.fms.rutgers.edu/interruption/inter.asp

http://campusstatus.rutgers.edu/

Newark http://www.newark.rutgers.edu/campusstatus/

Camden http://www.camden.rutgers.edu/

In the event of a longer outage, additional information will be provided using established communication mechanisms, as the circumstances dictate. The following instructions may be given during a utility outage:

Power Outage

- Disconnect all equipment that could be damaged by a power surge when electricity is restored.
- Turn off lights, appliances, window air conditioners, and other energy users to reduce power requirements for restoration.
- Notify your supervisor and call Facilities Maintenance.
- Do not light candles or use other types of flames for lighting.

Water Failure

- Notify your supervisor and call Facilities Maintenance.
- Discontinue any work with hazardous materials in areas where the emergency shower and/or eyewash stations are disabled due to water failure.
- Turn off all water-cooled operations.

Gas Leak

- Evacuate the area immediately.
- Dial 9-1-1. The alternate RUPD phone numbers are: New Brunswick 732-932-7111, Newark 973-353-5111 or 973-972-4491, Camden 856-225-6111.
- DO NOT turn electrical devices on or off; and DO NOT plug or unplug any device, as this may create a spark.
- Notify your supervisor and call Facilities Maintenance.

Sewage/Drainage Failure

- Notify your supervisor and call Facilities Maintenance on your campus.
- If backup is large, evacuate the area.