

UTILITY OUTAGE IMPACT

Quick Reference Guide

Student Centers and associated services will follow University Policy as outlined in the Environmental Health and Safety Office Power Outage and Utility Failure Guide.

[PowerOutageandUtilityFailure.pdf \(gmu.edu\)](#)

Power Outage:

- In an event of a power outage, events will be suspended, postponed and/or cancelled until power is fully restored.
- All event venues and public accessible spaces that do not have functioning emergency lighting or sufficient ambient lighting must be vacated.

Extended Power Outages:

*As they relate to Student Center facilities, an extended power outage is defined as outages **exceeding one hour in duration** and/or outages addresses by notification through the Mason Alert System. In the case of an Extended Power Outage, Student Centers will follow timelines similar to the Inclement Weather Plan.*

- Events that begin after the power has been restored may experience disruption of normal services due to the outage. Room setups may not be correct and/or resources (a/v, catering, etc.) may not be available or delayed.
- If determined that power can not be fully restored to the building in an appropriate time, activities may be cancelled and/or the building may be closed.

Water Outage:

- In the case of a water outage, all affected restrooms will be closed.
- Typically and depending on size, events **may** occur as scheduled
- Food and Catering Services may **not** be available.

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