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ANOTHER IMPORTANT ITEM FOR YOUR STORM EMERGENCY KIT Consider Adding a Standard Plug-in Phone

MANCHESTER, N.H. (December 29, 2008) – With the start of the New Year just days away, it's time to restock your winter storm emergency kit. Apparently Mother Nature has taken a liking to northern New England as residents recover from one severe weather storm only to have another on the way. Crews are still working to clear roads and remove debris in some areas.

Consider adding a standard plug-in phone to your storm emergency kit. Though FairPoint Communications experienced a loss of commercial power at many of its serving locations during the recent ice storm, the telecommunications network was backed up by batteries and generators to help ensure uninterrupted broadband and telephone service.

"When there's a power interruption, you may not be able to use your cordless phone and you may lose your battery power to your cell phone. A plug-in phone will allow you to check in with friends and family and, more importantly, ensure you can call for help should you need it," says Karen Mead, senior vice president of operations and engineering at FairPoint Communications.

So, as you replenish the candles and batteries in your home or office emergency kit, add a standard plug-in phone to your list of supplies. During the recent storms and massive power outages, FairPoint voice mail

customers were able to store and retrieve calls, while answering machines rely on commercial power and therefore were not working.

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