

POWER OUTAGE PREPARATION CHECKLIST



From "**What If the Power Goes Out?**"

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DOCUMENTATION & PLANNING

- Create written emergency contact list
- Map of essential supply locations in home
- Written shutdown procedures for sensitive electronics
- Breaker box diagram with labeled circuits
- List of items requiring power (prioritized)
- Local emergency service numbers (not just 911)
- Neighbor contact information
- Meet-up plan for family members
- Special needs protocols documented

LIGHTING PREPARATIONS

- Headlamp or flashlight in each bedroom
- Battery-powered lantern in main living area
- Additional flashlight in kitchen area
- Backup batteries for all lighting devices
- Test all lighting devices monthly
- Glow sticks for bathrooms/emergency marking

- Light sources strategically placed for easy access
- Spare bulbs for essential fixtures (if applicable)

FOOD & WATER SECURITY

- 3 liters of water per person per day (3-day minimum)
- Manual can opener accessible
- 3-day supply of non-perishable food (minimum)
- Food thermometer for refrigerator/freezer items
- Cooler for temporary food storage
- Alternative cooking method (camp stove, etc.)
- Fuel for cooking device
- Inventory of freezer/refrigerator contents
- Disposable plates/utensils to conserve water

POWER & COMMUNICATION

- Power banks for mobile devices (fully charged)
- Extra charging cables for all devices
- Battery or crank-powered radio
- Extra batteries for radio
- Signal whistle for emergencies
- Two-way radios (if applicable)
- Solar charger (if applicable)
- Written instructions for alternative power sources

COMFORT & SAFETY

- Battery-powered carbon monoxide detector
- First aid kit accessible and updated
- Emergency blankets (1 per person)
- Seasonal comfort items:
 - Summer: Battery-powered fans
 - Winter: Extra blankets, warm clothing layers
- Basic tool kit accessible

- Work gloves
- Duct tape
- Cash in small denominations (ATMs require power)
- Activities that don't require electricity
- Medications (1-week supply minimum)

EXTENDED OUTAGE PREPARATIONS

- Water purification method
- Sanitation supplies (heavy-duty garbage bags)
- Personal hygiene supplies
- Disinfecting wipes/hand sanitizer
- Knowledge of community resources (charging stations, etc.)
- Extended food supplies (if applicable)
- Plan for refrigerated medications

MONTHLY MAINTENANCE

- Check battery-powered devices
- Rotate food supplies
- Verify contact information is current
- Confirm family members know the plan
- Review/update priority lists as needed

PERSONAL NOTES:

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