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Manage A Household Power Outage

Prepare for interruptions to lighting, communication, food storage, and daily routines while you remain at home.



STEP 1

Put Household Supplies Together

Keep drinking water, shelf-stable food, a manual can opener, hygiene supplies, and pet supplies in a known place. Plan for several days of disruption. Add a written contact list, necessary documents, and some cash. Check dates and restock regularly.



STEP 2

Keep Light And Communication Ready

Keep flashlights or battery lanterns where everyone can find them, with spare batteries. Charge phones and power banks before forecast storms. Have a battery-powered or hand-crank radio and a family check-in plan. Use battery lights instead of candles.



STEP 3

Protect Food And Medical Needs

Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed. An unopened refrigerator stays cold about 4 hours; a full freezer about 48 hours, or 24 hours if half full. Use a thermometer and official food-safety guidance. Plan with a clinician for powered medical devices and refrigerated medicine.



STEP 4

Know When Home Is No Longer Safe

Check local alerts and check on family or neighbors when safe. Choose a backup place to stay and plan transport for people and pets. Leave for a safe location if temperature, water, medical needs, or an official evacuation order makes staying home unsafe.

Keep Carbon Monoxide Out

Run a generator outdoors at least 20 feet from doors, windows, and vents, with exhaust directed away from the home. Never run it in a garage, even with the door open. Keep working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms with battery backup near sleeping areas.

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