

Power Outage Supplies Checklist

When the lights go out, your comfort, safety, and food security are on the line. This checklist prepares your home or shelter for short-term and multi-day power outages caused by storms, grid failure, or disasters.

Lighting & Power

- LED flashlights and headlamps
- Lanterns (battery, solar, or oil-based)
- Extra batteries (AA, AAA, D)
- Portable power banks (charged)
- Solar or crank-powered chargers

Food & Cooking

- Ready-to-eat non-perishable food (3+ days)
- Manual can opener
- Portable stove (camping or Sterno-style)
- Fuel and fire-starting materials
- Paper plates, utensils, napkins

Water & Hygiene

- Stored water (1 gallon per person per day)
- Water purification tablets or filters
- Wet wipes and hand sanitizer
- Trash bags and portable toilet kit (if needed)

Warmth & Comfort

- Blankets, sleeping bags, and warm layers
- Mylar emergency blankets
- Hand warmers and gloves
- Battery-powered fan (for summer outages)

Communication & Information

- Battery-powered or crank radio (NOAA recommended)
- List of emergency contacts (paper copy)
- Notebook and pen
- Phone with backup power options

Safety & Security

- Fire extinguisher (check expiration)
- Cash (ATMs may be down)
- Smoke and CO detector (battery-operated)
- Spare keys and locking supplies

Tips & Hints:

Keep your outage kit in one accessible container near the kitchen or main room.

Test battery-operated items quarterly and rotate perishable food every 6 months.

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