HomeGuard Weather

OUTAGE READINESS

Storm Power Outage Home Checklist

Set up lighting, communications, food, and medical plans before the lights go out.

Prepare ahead

- [ ] Save utility outage contacts and make a household communication plan.
- [ ] Keep flashlights, fresh batteries, and a battery weather radio ready.
- [ ] Charge power banks and identify safe backup power for essential devices.
- [ ] Keep drinking water and easy no-cook food on hand.
- [ ] Put appliance thermometers in the refrigerator and freezer.
- [ ] Plan with providers or suppliers for medicines and powered medical devices.

When it is approaching

- [ ] Charge phones, power banks, medical equipment, and rechargeable lights.
- [ ] Freeze water containers and gel packs; set out a cooler and ice.
- [ ] Test smoke and carbon-monoxide alarms and their battery backup.
- [ ] Place flashlights where household members can reach them safely.

Stay safe

- [ ] Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible.
- [ ] Use generators outdoors at least 20 feet from every building opening.
- [ ] Use flashlights instead of candles and never use outdoor combustion indoors.
- [ ] Follow local instructions for heat, cold, water, medicine, and evacuation.

Numbers worth knowing

Refrigerator: 4 hours closed
Full freezer: 48 hours closed
Half-full freezer: 24 hours closed
Generator: outdoors, at least 20 feet from every building opening

NOTES

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Official guidance: Ready.gov Power Outages | CDC Power Outage Safety | CDC Food Safety After an Emergency

For awareness and preparation only. This checklist does not replace National Weather Service alerts, local authorities, utilities, public-health guidance, emergency services, or professional advice. Do not perform outdoor tasks when conditions are dangerous.

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