



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

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