



TORNADOES



FIRES



POWER OUTAGES



FLOODS



EARTHQUAKES



BLIZZARDS

BEFORE DISASTER STRIKES

According to FEMA, 3 in 5 people living in a power outage-prone area:

- » 81% have been impacted by power outages
- » 80% believe a power outage could impact them
- » 61% have NOT assembled or updated supplies

**EMERGENCY SUPPLIES DON'T NEED TO BE EXPENSIVE!
THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU ALREADY HAVE THAT COULD BE USE IN AN EMERGENCY.**

Here's 10 Important Effects of A Power Outage:

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| 1. No Heat or Air <i>(which can lead to dangerous alternative sources)</i> | 6. No Power to Medical Equipment |
| 2. No Light Source <i>(at night or in dark locations)</i> | 7. No Cell Phone Charger |
| 3. No Water <i>(city or well)</i> | 8. No Security Alarms <i>(unless on a battery backup)</i> |
| 4. No Internet, Computer, or Digital Access | 9. No Gas at the Pumps |
| 5. No Refrigerator & Freezer Usage | 10. No Access to Cash at ATMs |

TOP ITEMS TO HAVE READY: *(Not in any particular order)*

- Flashlights w/Extra Batteries
- Battery/Solar Powered Charger
- Blankets or Sweater for Cold Weather
- Rechargeable Fans for Hot Weather
- First Aid Kit
- Water Supply *(3 days worth)*
- Food Supply *(3 days worth Food items that you can eat without using electricity + can opener)*
- Lighter/Matches + Emergency Candles
- Cash *(small denominations)*
- Battery/Hand-Crank Radio
- Gas *(in properly stored gas cans)*
- Battery Backup Generator



Other suggestions during a power outage:

- Keep electronics charged in advance
- Install a carbon monoxide detector with battery backup
- Take inventory of anything that relies on electricity
- Keep freezers and refrigerators closed
- Use a generator, but ONLY outdoors and away from windows
- Do not use a gas stove or oven to heat your home
- Disconnect appliances and electronics to avoid damage from electrical surges
- Have alternate plans for refrigerating medicines or using power-dependent medical devices

It's important to have a plan!

A power outage could be life-threatening if you rely on medical devices that need power or use medications that require refrigeration.