When the Lights Go Out

Many outages are short, and a few small things on hand make the wait comfortable instead of stressful.

CHECKLIST

☐	LED lanterns for each main room	2-pack about $12
☐	Flashlights by the bed	$11-20
☐	Phone power banks, charged	$9-20 each
☐	USB car charger as a backup	$5-15
☐	Battery-powered carbon monoxide alarm	$25-28
☐	Fridge and freezer thermometer	$10-12
☐	Cooler and ice packs for food	cost varies
☐	Battery or hand-crank radio	$40-80
☐	Written list of medical devices that need power, plus a plan	free

From Ready.gov: keep the fridge and freezer closed; a fridge keeps food cold about 4 hours, a full freezer about 48 hours. Run generators only outdoors, at least 20 feet from windows.

DO IT THIS WEEKEND

1. Put a thermometer in the fridge and freezer.
2. Charge all your power banks and stash them in one drawer.
3. Test or install a battery CO alarm on each level.
4. Bookmark your utility's outage page and our grid tracker.

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