

## POWER OUTAGE SURVIVAL CHECKLIST

### Basics

- At least 1 gallon of water per person per day for drinking/cooking
- Two gallons of water per flush for flushing your toilet (melt snow, use rain water or fill up at an emergency shelter)
- Containers for collecting snow, ice, and rain water (for your toilet water)
- Canned food, ramen noodles, peanut butter & crackers, and other shelf-stable items
- Stainless steel pot or camping pot
- Portable grill (if you don't have a wood stove, and even if you do, so you can cook a wider variety of meals)
- Extra blankets, including cheap ones that you can cut up if necessary to make warm ponchos.
- Battery-operated carbon monoxide detector (if you're using a propane heater)
- TONS of extra batteries: AA, C, and D mostly, but grab AAA and even a few 9-volts
- Flashlights- get a variety that take different types of batteries
- LED lanterns (bright, and last a long time without draining batteries like crazy)
- Long-burning Emergency candles (the oil kind)
- Battery-operated radio, preferably one with a NOAA weather setting
- Portable chargers (power banks) for your cell phone

### Sanity Savers (not vital, but nice to have)

- Instant coffee (hey, it beats nothing!), hot cocoa, tea
- Coloring and puzzle books
- Board Games
- Hard-copy books (for when your Kindle dies)
- Battery-operated camera to take pictures of damage

### Wood stove or fireplace essentials

If you don't have a wood stove or fireplace, you can get an outdoor fire pit for emergencies.

- Wood
- Fireplace insert for cooking stuff, if you don't have a wood stove. Otherwise, use the top of your stove.
- Duraflame Logs (burn longer than regular wood)
- Strike anywhere matches
- Burn spray (in case you burn yourself starting the fire, or on your wood stove. Totally happened here!)

### Generator Essentials- If you have one or plan to get one

- Generator (a small, affordable one for your fridge and charging your electronics)
- Gas & gas cans. You might want to grab a funnel, too.
- Generator Shelter
- Long, heavy-duty extension cords & a splitter

- A list of “off the beaten path” gas stations to find gas when the lines are long at the main ones.