

Are You Storm-Ready?

Peace of Mind Starts with a Plan

The best time to prepare for a power outage is before one occurs. Use this checklist to ensure that you and your family are prepared.

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 Portable Power Bank/s (High-Capacity) Charges phones, flashlights, and other USB-powered gear. Bonus: Solar-powered options or those with built-in flashlights.
NOAA Weather Radio (Hand-Crank or Battery-Powered) • Essential for emergency alerts if cell networks go down. • Some models also include phone charging capability.
Water (1 gallon per person per day – at least 3 days) • Consider water purification tablets or a portable filter like a LifeStraw too.
 Non-Perishable Food (3-day supply minimum) Ready-to-eat meals, energy bars, or even freeze-dried options. Don't forget a manual can opener if needed!
 Flashlights (LED) + Extra Batteries Modern LED flashlights are ultra-bright and efficient. Headlamps free your hands—great for multitasking in the dark.
Battery or Solar-Powered Lantern • Safer and more effective for lighting a whole room than candles.
 Smartphone with Emergency Apps Pre-Installed Apps like FEMA, Red Cross, or local weather alert systems. Keep your phone fully charged pre-storm, and store offline maps.

	Multi-Tool or Swiss Army Knife
	 Handy for cutting, opening cans, basic repairs, or even first aid.
	First Aid Kit (Well-Stocked)
	 Include bandages, antiseptic, pain relievers, gloves, tweezers, etc. Add modern extras like a digital thermometer and emergency blanket.
	Important Documents (Waterproof Folder or USB Drive)
	ID, insurance, medical info, emergency contacts—all stored digitally and/or in a ziplock or fireproof pouch.
	Back-Up Communication Device
	 Consider walkie-talkies for areas with no cell service. Some modern devices can text via satellite (e.g. Garmin inReach).
	Emergency Blankets or Sleeping Bags
	 Compact Mylar blankets retain body heat and are waterproof.
	Medications & Personal Hygiene Supplies
	 7-day supply of critical prescriptions. Include items like wet wipes, toothbrush, soap, feminine hygiene products.
	Cash (Small Bills)
	 In case ATMs or card readers are offline during/after the storm.
	Protective Gear
	• N95 masks (for dust/debris), gloves, rain poncho, and sturdy shoes/boots.