

# Power Outage (72 hours or less)

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## **BEFORE**

### Identify vulnerabilities:

1. History of power failures
2. Overhead lines and old trees
3. Elderly and/or disabled persons
4. Learning and/or language challenges
5. Children
6. Working vs. stay-at-home
7. Source of electricity, water, heat, sewage

### Prepare plans and responses:

1. Install backup generator, solar panels
2. Stock flashlights, batteries, candles, matches
3. Trim/remove problem branches and trees
4. Stock non-perishable food for household for 3 days
5. Fill bath tub for hygiene water (washing, toilets)
6. Purchase water filter (e.g., Berkey) or bottled water
7. If backup unavailable for essential medical, arrange other location for care
8. Games & activities to pass time with children

## **DURING**

1. Keep refrigerator and freezer(s) closed
2. Fetch flashlight, lanterns and candles
3. Turn off and unplug everything to protect from power surges
4. Turn on a couple light to identify return of electricity
5. Contact power company if problem is confined to your home

## **AFTER**

1. Re-connect utilities and appliances
2. Check for spoiled food to dispose
3. Check property for damage and notify insurance
4. Resume new normal living
5. Thank God

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