



Power Outage Checklist

Good, Better, and Best ideas for items you need to cope with a power outage lasting 10 days.

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Power

Good

- [Rechargeable Batteries X 2 for the important items \(radio, lights\)](#)
- [Battery Charger w/ solar or vehicle adapter for batteries and cell phones](#)

Better

- [1000 Watt Inverter connected to car battery for charging devices/running small appliances](#)
- Spare fuel to run vehicle (min 25 gallons)
- [5 – 5 Gallon gas cans](#)
- [PRI – G gas treatment for long term fuel storage.](#)
- [3000 W Generator](#)

Best

- [Tri-fuel generator \(gas, propane, natural gas\)](#)
- Spare fuel for generator (min 90 gallons)
- [7 – 14 gallon gas cans](#)
- [PRI – G gas treatment for long term fuel storage.](#)
- [100 Watt Solar Panel kit](#)
- [1000 Watt Inverter](#)
- [Deep cycle Batteries](#)

Lighting

Good

- [LED Flashlight with spare batteries – 1 per person](#)
- [Candles – 15 Hour Emergency candles](#)
- [Battery powered lantern for common areas](#)

Better

- [Headlamps for each individual – infinitely easier and more practical than flashlights. Allows for hands free tasks.](#)
- [Propane lanterns – great outdoor lighting option or use within well-ventilated area.](#)
- [Battery Recharger – It is important to get one that can charge multiple battery sizes if you have different battery uses.](#)

Best

- [Oil lamps – the right kind can provided plenty of light and last longer than batteries, or should according to use.](#)
- [Lamp Oil](#)
- [Rechargeable Batteries for all headlamps enough to charge a set and use a set at the same time.](#)

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Cooking

Good

- [Propane Grill or Camping Stove](#)
- EcoZoom Cook Stove
- Spare tank(s) of propane for the stove

Better

- [EcoZoom Rocket Stove](#)
- Fire Pit with implements for cooking over fire
- [Cast Iron Skillet](#)
- [Cast Iron Dutch Oven](#)

Best

- Wood Burning Stove – I know these aren't practical in all situations, but generally speaking this is the best overall option in a grid down scenario, all things being equal.
- [100 lb Propane tank or connection to run grill off natural gas.](#)
- Solar Oven – or you can make one easily enough much cheaper.

Shelter

Good

- Appropriate clothing for the temperature. Warm weather calls for clothes that dry quickly and wick moisture away. Cold weather usually means layers and warm additions like hats and gloves.
- Spare blankets/ screens for windows depending on weather.

Better

- Tent that sleeps your entire family
- Sleeping bags for each person
- [Kerosene heater](#)
- 20 gallons of Kerosene
- [PRI – G gas treatment for long term fuel storage.](#)

Best

- Alternate shelter - Camper with Solar power

Water

Good

- [One gallon of water per person for 10 days. For a four person family, that is 40 gallons. The easiest way to store and transport these for me is 5 gallon water jugs](#)

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Better

- 1 gallon of water per person for 1 month
- [Water filtration system like Big Berkey Light.](#)
- [Rain water collection system.](#)
- [Bathtub full of water stored in container for hygiene or drinking - Water Bob This requires some action before water pressure is cut off.](#)

Best

- Private well
- River or stream on your property

News and Communication

Good

- [World Band Receiver – pick up stations outside of your region.](#)

Better

- [Handheld UHF/VHF band transceivers - Baofeng makes an excellent and affordable model](#)
- [2 meter antenna](#)
- [Backup Batteries for handhelds](#)

Best

- [Ham Radio - capable of HF, UHF and VHF bands. HF will allow you to communicate with other countries](#)
- [Quad Band antenna](#)
- Backup power as listed above

Security

Good

- Shotgun with 100 rounds of buckshot ammo

Better

- Handgun for each adult member of the family - 9mm, .40 or .45
- 500 rounds of HP ammo for each pistol
- 2 magazines for each

Best

- Battle Rifle for each adult member of the family (AK or AR platform)
- 1000 rounds of ammunition for each rifle
- 20 magazines for each rifle

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Sanitation

Good

- [Bathtub full of water stored in container for hygiene or drinking - Water Bob This requires some action before water pressure is cut off.](#)

Better

- Spare 5 gallon bucket
- [5 gallon bucket toilet lid - Converts any 5 gallon bucket into a porta-potty.](#)
- trash bags - small for toilet/large for trash
- Cat Litter

Best

- Outhouse already built - again not practical in all situations.