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

**Better**
- [Link: EcoZoom Rocket Stove](#)
- Fire Pit with implements for cooking over fire
- [Link: Cast Iron Skillet](#)
- [Link: 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.
- [Link: 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
- [Link: Kerosene heater](#)
- 20 gallons of Kerosene
- [Link: 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 Liter

Best

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