

Power Outage Preparation

Emergency lighting is necessary for safety and for emotional and mental health. Light helps you see and avoid hazards. It can help you better see and understand your situation when a disaster happens. Have you ever been in a cave with absolutely no light? It can be disorienting at the very least.

Power outages are very common, especially during emergencies and disasters. Knowing what to do in a power outage situation can help you "Be Ready" for your own safety and the safety of others

Things to Do

- Add electrical power and natural gas company phone numbers to your emergency contacts.
- Put flashlights, batteries, and chemical glow sticks in emergency kits.
- Store batteries in original packaging – not in flashlights, radios, or other electronic devices.
- Learn how to safely shut off all of the utilities at your home and teach all responsible people how and when to do the same.
- Store a [gas shut-off wrench](#) near your outside gas meter.
- Have emergency chargers for mobile phones and other [emergency communication](#) equipment.
- Install safety lighting where needed around your home.
- Get power back-ups if someone uses life-saving electronic medical equipment.
- BONUS: Get a generator and learn how to safely use it to power larger appliances in your home.

Videos

- [The Be Ready Buzz: Batteries in Disaster Supply Kits](#)
- [The Be Ready Buzz: LED Keychain in Disaster Supply Kits](#)
- [20 to Ready: Power Failure Prep](#)
- [20 to Ready: Got Fuel?](#)
- [20 to Ready: Emergency Power](#)
- [FEMA: Be Prepared For Power Outages](#)
- [Rocky Mountain Power: How to Reset Your Circuit Breakers](#)
- [NFPA: Dan Doofus A Shocking Revelation](#)
- [NFPA: Candle Safety Tips](#)

Downloads

- [Home Hazard Hunt](#)
- [FEMA: Be Prepared for a Power Outage](#)
- [NFPA: 9-volt Battery Safety](#)
- [NFPA: Lithium Ion Battery Safety](#)
- [USDOT: Safe Travel with Electronic Devices and Batteries](#)

Links

- [Power Outage](#)
- [Generator Use and Safety](#)
- [Disaster Supply Kit: Light and Power](#)
- [Candle and Oil Lamp Safety](#)
- [Ready.gov: Power Outages](#)
- [Ready.gov: Get Tech Ready](#)
- [FEMA: Use Generators Safely at Home](#)
- [Rocky Mountain Power: How to Prepare for Power Outages](#)
- [Rocky Mountain Power: Electrical Safety](#)
- [Energizer Battery: Battery Care](#)