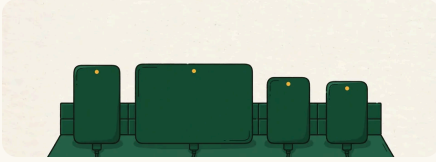




The shutoff notice just came. Now what?

A Public Safety Power Shutoff gives you a day or two of warning. Here is what to do with it.

1 Charge everything



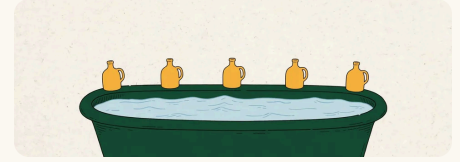
- Phones, power banks, laptops, the power station
- Rechargeable lanterns and flashlights
- The car, if it is electric

2 Freeze water bottles



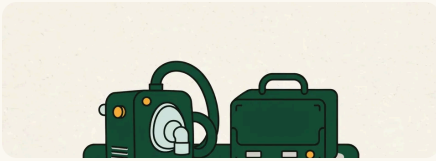
- Fill the freezer gaps with bottles
- A full freezer stays cold two days
- They become drinking water as they melt

3 Fill the water



- Pitchers, jugs, the bathtub
- Pumped systems and some wells stop with the power
- One gallon per person per day

4 Medical devices



- Oxygen, CPAP, refrigerated medication
- Call the utility's medical baseline line now
- Know where you will go if the backup runs out

5 Gas up the car



- Pumps need power
- A full tank is also a phone charger
- Cash for the station that is open

6 Get cash



- ATMs and registers go down
- Small bills for a few days
- Some stores stay open cash only

7 Set up the lights



- A lantern in each room you use
- Headlamps by the beds
- Candles stay in the drawer

8 Cook ahead



- Cook what will spoil, eat it first
- Prep two days of no-cook meals
- Ice in coolers before it is gone

9 Garage door and gates



- Learn the manual release now
- Electric gates too
- Park outside if you will need the car

10 Unplug the big stuff



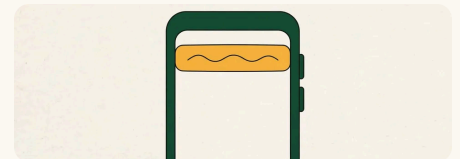
- Computers, TVs, the AC
- Power returning can surge
- One lamp left on to tell you it is back

11 Check on neighbors



- Anyone older, alone, or on medical equipment
- Share the notice, they may not have seen it
- Offer a cooler spot or a ride

12 Sign up for the alerts



- Utility alerts by text, for your address
- County emergency alerts
- A battery radio for when the towers go

A planned outage is the easy kind. Use the warning.

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