

5 Tips for Surviving an Extended Power Outage

Do you know what to do in case the electricity goes out in your home for days or weeks?

**\$18-\$33
BILLION**

Average cost of outages per year in U.S.¹



58%

of outages are caused by thunderstorms, hurricanes and blizzards²

No one can predict an unplanned power outage, but you can be prepared.



Have flashlights & extra batteries on hand

For safety, rely on flashlights, not candles.



Disconnect appliances & electronics

Power surges can damage electronics.



Avoid opening the refrigerator & freezer

A full, unopened freezer can stay cold for 48 hours.



Use water sparingly

Water treatment plants can be affected by a power outage.



Eliminate unnecessary travel

Non-working traffic lights can make intersections dangerous

1 - Energy Professionals – Power Outages on the Rise in the US, 2019, www.energyprofessionals.com.
2 - U.S. Department of Energy – Economic Benefits of Increasing Electric Grid Resilience to Weather Outages, August 2013, www.energy.gov.