



Don't Get Left in the Dark During a Power Outage: Start Preparing Today

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The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) provides the checklist below to prepare you and your family in the event of a power outage:

- If you spot a downed power line, stay away from it and call 9-1-1 to report its location.
- Know the location of your circuit breakers and/or fuse boxes and how to check them.
- Keep on hand your natural gas and electric utility provider's emergency number in case you need to call them.
- If the power goes out, unplug all electric appliances to avoid overloading circuits and fire hazards when power is restored. Turn your appliances back on one at a time when power is restored.
- Fill a plastic covered container with emergency supplies such as flashlights and fresh batteries, candles and matches in a water-resistant package away from flammables, a battery-operated or hand-crank powered radio, a corded telephone, and first aid kit.
- Develop an emergency plan for your household.
- Have enough water available to last several days. It is recommended to have at least a gallon of drinking water a day for each individual. Don't forget your pets!
- Have an ice chest and blue ice freezer packs available to store medications that need to stay chilled. Or freeze plastic storage containers filled with water to make ice that can be placed in your ice chest/refrigerator/freezer to prevent food and any medication from spoiling.
- If you have a generator make sure it is properly installed by a licensed electrician.

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