

Build your storm outage kit



Depending on weather conditions and other factors, an outage during a storm could last several hours or multiple days. You should have enough supplies to sustain your family for at least three days. We recommend placing items in waterproof and rodent-proof containers and replenishing your kit at least once a year.

Flashlights or headlamps
Battery-powered or hand-crank radio
Battery-powered clock or watch
Extra batteries
Cell phones and chargers, including a car charger
Water, one gallon per person per day, especially if you rely on an electric pump for water

Nonperishable food and a can opener, pots, pans and utensils
Extra batteries for oxygen tanks or other medical equipment
Board games, books and playing cards
Barbecue, gas grill or camp stove to use outside, plus fuel and a lighter or matches

Emergency kit items that might also be useful

Evacuation-ready items like keys, purse or wallet, glasses, ID, passports, birth certificates, insurance information, financial records, and a paper map of your area
Hard copies of your Family Emergency Plan and contact lists
Glasses, dentures, hearing aids, etc.
Prescription and over-the-counter medicine, medical equipment and supplies like extra oxygen
Infant supplies, formula and/or food, diapers and cleansing wipes

Pet supplies, collar with ID tags and leash/carrier, food and water, sanitation items (i.e. litter) and medications
Personal hygiene supplies, wipes, soap, shampoo/conditioner, brush/comb, toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant, feminine supplies and sunscreen
First aid kit, first aid book, antiseptics, adhesive bandages, gauze, adhesive tape, bandages, splints, eye wash solution, cold packs and burn gel
Clothing, shoes/boots, winter-weight jackets, work gloves, extra undies and socks
Pillows and blankets or sleeping bags
Paper goods and sanitation supplies, paper plates, paper towels, toilet paper and trash bags
Dust/face masks, sunglasses and rubber gloves
Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities and a knife or multi-purpose tool
Whistle to signal for help
Duct tape, twine, paper and a marker for leaving notes or labeling your items

Help your device battery last

- Don't turn it off — your tablet or phone uses more battery when being turned off and on, so use sleep mode instead.
- Manually disable Bluetooth and notifications you don't need (leave emergency notifications on). Turn Wi-Fi off when not needed.
- Turn the brightness of the display down as low as possible.
- Close apps when you're done using them.



Make a plan for extended outages



Plan for household needs.

Gather what you'll need to stay safe, fed and comfortable.

Plan for the needs of pets and livestock.

Make a plan for feeding and watering if well pumps don't have power.

Plan for medical needs so you can still power medical equipment during an outage.

Enroll in our **Medical Certificate program** — this lets us know where there are critical needs so we can proactively communicate with you about outages.

Plan ahead to relocate with a friend, family member or to a shelter if needed, especially if you have medical needs that require electricity or if you are working or learning from home.

Consider buying a backup generator and follow manufacturers' guidelines for safe operation.

If you have solar panels, consider adding **battery storage**.

Plan for emergencies

Get more information from the **Red Cross** and **ready.gov** on how to keep your family and your home safe.

Plan your evacuation route if needed (see your county's evacuation guide) and keep your car fueled.

Gather hard copies of what you need in an evacuation, like ID and passports, financial records, insurance information, legal records, birth certificates and social security cards.

Know what you own

Take photos of every room in your home, including your garage and shed, so you have an inventory of your belongings if you need to make an insurance claim. Open cupboards, closets and drawers and take photos of each.

Resources

- 211info.org
- publicalerts.org
- PGE Claims
portlandgeneral.com/claims
- ready.gov
- American Red Cross
redcross.org/get-help

