

Preparing for a power outage checklist

Power outages can occur for many reasons, including:

- Severe weather such as lightning, floods, heatwaves, bushfires or high winds
- Trees falling on powerlines
- Unexpected technical faults
- Planned essential maintenance works
- To help balance supply and demand during the peak period (rare)

Here's a checklist to help you and your family prepare for a power outage

Task	Person responsible	Complete ✓
Make sure you have access to a fully charged mobile phone with emergency contact numbers		
Create a hardcopy list of important contacts such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Doctors• Hospital• Your local council• Electricity and gas retailers• Distribution businesses		
Make sure all electronic devices are fully charged		
Make sure important medical devices, life support machines, hearing aids and glasses are easily accessible		
Make sure you have torches and batteries on hand		
Find a battery powered radio and ensure it's charged		
Create a basic first aid kit		
Stock your pantry with non-perishable food items and bottles of water for at least 3-5 days		
Source alternative cooking facilities such as barbeques and camping stoves. Make sure they are well-maintained and only used outdoors.		
Stockpile items such as blankets, sleeping bags and thermal blankets for warmth		
Make sure you have access to cash, a bank card, photo ID and other important documents		