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POWER OUTAGE & STORM CHECKLIST

HOUSEHOLD | POWER COMPANY OUTAGE LINE | STORM / DATE

BEFORE: STORM ON THE WAY

- ❑ Charge phones, power banks and laptops
- ❑ Fill the car with fuel; get some cash
- ❑ Bring in or tie down outdoor furniture
- ❑ Fill bottles and a bathtub with water for washing
- ❑ Turn the fridge and freezer to the coldest setting
- ❑ Check flashlights, radio and the emergency kit
- ❑ Know how to open the garage door by hand

DURING: POWER OUT

- ❑ Report the outage; check the power company map
- ❑ Keep fridge and freezer doors closed
- ❑ Unplug electronics to protect from surges
- ❑ Generator outside only, far from windows
- ❑ Never use a grill or camp stove indoors
- ❑ Check on older neighbors

AFTER: POWER BACK OR STORM PASSED

- ❑ Throw away food that was above 40°F for 2+ hours
- ❑ Stay away from fallen power lines
- ❑ Photograph damage before cleaning up
- ❑ Call the insurer; keep repair receipts
- ❑ Restock the emergency kit

WHAT TO DO BETTER NEXT TIME