



# PREPARE FOR POWER OUTAGE

TASK: Prepare Soldiers, their homes, families, and work places for power outages (planned and unplanned) in hot and cold weather.

CONDITIONS: Leader guided discussion with specific sources for accessing further information.

STANDARDS: Soldiers know importance of preparation, informed of sources for additional information, and motivated to prepare for power outages.

REFERENCE(S): Ready Army - Readiness Fact Sheets:  
[http://www.acsim.army.mil/readyarmy/ra\\_readiness.htm](http://www.acsim.army.mil/readyarmy/ra_readiness.htm)



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## Before The Power Goes Out

- Turn off electronic devices.
- Store food, water, flashlights and batteries, portable radio/TV, power converters, hand-crank generators, gasoline to drive out of effected area, bug out bag/72 hour kit.
- Keep freezers full, fill freezers and refrigerators with water bottles, remove as space is needed. Filled freezers and refrigerators use less energy and stay cooler longer without power.



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## During The Power Outage

- Communications: Cell phones may not work, notify Chain of Command of location and situation.
- Necessities: Use bottled water, flashlights not candles, leave the refrigerator and freezer doors closed, use coolers with ice for perishables, go to warming or cooling centers as needed.
- Turn off electronics: Protect against damage when power is restored. Don't forget your office!



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## After Power Is Restored

- Check for damage and report losses as needed to Housing or the Chain of Command.
- Check for spoiled food before use.
- Power up electronics and check functionality.
- Replace supplies used to be ready for the next emergency.