GOAL: Be able to safely meet your basic power needs during an electrical outage.

CHOOSE ONE OF THESE THINGS TO DO TO BE READY FOR AN EMERGENCY

- Buy a portable generator and learn how to use it safely.
- Have flashlights and extra batteries in case the power goes out. Check the batteries in your flashlights and radios.
- Make a plan for power outages.
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1. **TALK TO AN ELECTRICIAN**

   Talk to an electrician about what kind of generator will work for your home.

2. **LEARN HOW TO USE A GENERATOR**

   Learn how to use a generator to make electricity for your home when the power goes out. Never operate a generator inside your house.
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1. **USE BATTERY OPERATED FLASHLIGHTS**

   - Use flashlights and battery-powered lanterns. They are safer than candles.
   - Keep flashlights in several places in your house. Be sure to check the batteries.

2. **STORE EXTRA BATTERIES**

   - Have extra batteries around for use in flashlights and radios.
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1. HAVE AT LEAST ONE PHONE WITH A CORD
   - HOME PHONES (NOT CELL PHONES) THAT HAVE CORDLESS HANDSETS WON’T WORK WHEN THE POWER GOES OUT.

2. ALWAYS KEEP YOUR GAS TANK AT LEAST HALF FULL.
   - GAS STATIONS MIGHT BE CLOSED IN A DISASTER. MAKE SURE YOUR CAR ALWAYS HAS GAS.

3. HAVE A CAR CHARGER FOR YOUR PHONE
   - YOU WILL STILL BE ABLE TO CHARGE YOUR PHONE IN YOUR CAR IF THE POWER GOES OUT.