Power Outage Supply Kit

The list of items below should be included in an outage supply kit. This kit can be used in the event of a planned or unplanned outage, and Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events affecting your residence.

- First Aid Kit: Include prescription medications and check expiration dates.
- **Bottled Water**: We recommend at least one gallon per person per day for drinking, cooking, and sanitation. Plan for a minimum of 3-5 days.
- Flashlights and Batteries: Store flashlights in accessible locations to find them easily in the dark. Consider long-lasting LED flashlights or rechargeable options with solar or hand-crank capabilities.
- **Nonperishable Food**: Stock canned goods, protein bars, dried fruits, and other items that don't require refrigeration or cooking. Ensure a supply for at least 3-5 days and rotate stock regularly.
- Manual Can Opener: Essential for opening canned food when electricity is not available.
- Coolers, Ice Chests, and Ice Packs: Use them to preserve perishable food for as long as possible. Replenish ice from local shops during extended outages.
- Special-Needs Items: Include sufficient supplies for infants (formula, diapers), the elderly (medications, mobility aids), or individuals with disabilities (specialized medical equipment). For electrically powered medical devices, consider backup power options.
- **Battery-Operated or Hand-Crank Radio**: Stay informed with news and emergency updates when internet and TV services are unavailable.
- **Fresh Batteries**: Stock up on a variety of batteries for all essential devices, including flashlights, radios, and medical equipment.
- External Rechargeable Battery Pack: Keep multiple power banks for recharging cell phones, tablets, and other devices. Solar-powered or hand-crank chargers can be helpful for extended outages.
- **Noncordless Phone**: Keep a corded phone that works with landlines to maintain communication during power outages.
- **Portable Generator or Power Station**: If possible, have a generator or portable power station for critical appliances. Ensure proper ventilation and follow safety guidelines for use.
- Cash: Have small bills and coins available as electronic payment systems may be down.
- **Lighting Alternatives**: Stock up on candles, lanterns, or solar-powered lights as backup lighting options. Be mindful of fire hazards if using candles and do not leave them burning overnight.
- Warm Clothing and Blankets: Prepare for colder temperatures, especially if heating systems are electric.
- **Hygiene Supplies**: Have hand sanitizer, baby wipes, dry shampoo, and trash bags for sanitation needs if water access is limited.
- **Backup Cooking Methods**: Use portable stoves, grills, or camping stoves with proper ventilation and follow safety precautions listed for that equipment.
- **Entertainment**: Have books, games, or puzzles to pass the time without electronics.
- Emergency Contact List: Write down key phone numbers in case mobile devices are unusable.
- Plan for Refrigeration Alternatives: Consider storing food in insulated coolers and consuming perishables first.

For more information, please visit https://www.sce.com/outage-center/preparing-for-outages