

FREE PRINTABLE RESOURCE

EMERGENCY LIGHTING CHECKLIST

Three layers of light for every person in the house, and the habits that keep them working when the grid goes down.

LAYER 1 — HEADLAMPS

- ☐ **One headlamp per person, kids included**
Keeps both hands free for the real work
- ☐ **Each stored where its owner can find it in the dark**
- ☐ **At least one with a dim red mode**
Preserves night vision outdoors

LAYER 2 — LANTERNS

- ☐ **Battery lantern for the main living space**
- ☐ **Battery lantern for the bathroom**
- ☐ **Extra lantern for any other room you'll use**

LAYER 3 — BACKUPS

- ☐ **Small backup flashlight**
- ☐ **Sealed bin of spare batteries, stored with it**
- ☐ **Charged power bank for rechargeable lights**

WHEN YOU BUY

- ☐ **A real low mode**
Stretches battery life far past max brightness
- ☐ **Runs on your one or two standard battery sizes**
- ☐ **Controls you can work with your eyes closed**
- ☐ **Handles rain**

SAFETY RULES

- ☐ **No candles during an outage**
NFPA: use flashlights and battery-powered lighting instead
- ☐ **No fuel-burning lanterns where people sleep**
CPSC warns against them in tents, campers and vehicles
- ☐ **Working smoke and CO alarms on every level**
With battery backup, per FEMA's outage guidance
- ☐ **Know the CO symptoms**
Headache, dizziness, weakness, nausea, vomiting, sleepiness, confusion

Save the phone for calls. Your phone is your line to news and help. Don't burn its battery as a flashlight when a headlamp will do the job.

MAINTENANCE

- ☐ **Pull batteries from lights stored for months**
Store them beside the light to avoid corroded contacts
- ☐ **Test every light each change of season**
- ☐ **Rotate older spares into everyday use**

SEASONAL TEST LOG

Spring: _____

Summer: _____

Fall: _____

Winter: _____

Full guide: tacticalbox.com/blogs/tacticalbox-blog/emergency-lighting-headlamps-lanterns-and-backups

Sources: NFPA, CPSC, FEMA / Ready.gov, National Park Service.