

OWL Ready



Power Outages

Power outages make life challenging! Thankfully, power outages often only last a few hours. But what about completing your critical functions during a power outage? Do you have a plan to continue critical functions if power is out for an hour? For a day? What actions will you need to take if power is lost or equipment stops working? **Critical functions that involves life safety must have a plan.** The plan may involve a generator, relocating to an alternative site, or having a manual operation to complete the function. Here are few common sense preparedness tips:

- Plug equipment needed during a prolonged power outage into emergency power outlet (if you have one).
- Use surge protectors on computer systems and other surge-sensitive equipment.
- Use an uninterruptable power supply for equipment, which will not tolerate any power loss, even if it is short.
- And, perhaps the simplest, but extremely important, **back up data frequently and save often for work in progress.**

The key is — having a plan.

Power outages at home are equally frustrating. See the following links for additional helpful information:

⇒ <https://www.ready.gov/power-outages>

⇒ <https://www.fema.gov/press-release/20200903/mantengase-seguro-durante-los-apagones-electricos>

⇒ <https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/power-outage.html>

