

Blackout Preparation as of 1/14/21

Eagle International Church & Dale Black Ministries

Preparing for an unknown emergency can be overwhelming. We have mentioned that you should be prepared in case of a blackout.

Ironically, we are currently in the middle of a blackout and on day two. Currently, up to 5 states in the Northwest are reporting blackouts... hardest hit is Washington State, which we are close to in North Idaho. We are informed that various covert operations could be occurring during blackouts. So, whether it's weather related (which the news will always say it is) or strategic... be prepared.

We had already stored up two weeks supply of food and water, thank the Lord. We also have a Berkey Water Filter system that sits on our kitchen counter. This allows us to filter water effectively, even if it comes from an alternative source that is not guaranteed pure.

In the blackout we are experiencing, we have lost electrical, internet and heat. Our night temperatures have been down in the high 20's... so it's cold. But we still have running water and hot water from a gas water heater. Evaluate your situation and determine what you are most likely to lose if the electricity and internet go out.

A propane portable space heater can keep one room warm. And a solar charger for small devices will allow you to charge phones, etc. Some may desire to get a generator for large use of running a refrigerator and/or freezer, etc.

Sometimes with long term electrical outage the water pumps quit working. Because of this, we recommend immediately filling a bathtub full of water that you can use if needed. It's smart to have extra water in case you do lose your water source. You can flush toilets with it, wash dishes, have water for pets, use it for brushing teeth, etc. However, ***you still need enough purified drinking water to use for cooking and drinking.***

Conserve your phone battery by switching to airplane mode or dimming the display light. Make sure no apps are left open as they drain your battery faster.

Unplug all appliances, computers, etc. as a power surge is common when the electricity comes back on. Leave a light switch on so you will know when the electricity is restored.

Be sure to set out warm clothes, blankets, flashlights, candles, etc. in preparation. It is difficult to find everything you need in the dark.

If the electricity goes out, the refrigerator will stay cold about 4 hours if unopened. The freezer lasts about 2 days. Because we have colder weather, especially at night (20's) we moved our food to the garage to keep it fresh longer. We also made plans to use some of the food that will not last. Try to have food on hand that does not need to be cooked.

Things you should do and have on hand:

- Have gas in your car (you can charge your phone in the car and get warm if you are in a very cold climate without heat.)
- Cash in smaller bills (in case ATM's or credit card machines don't work.)
- Flashlights and extra batteries, candles or lanterns for light.
- Food that you don't have to cook or purchase a propane burner. We have one we use for camping. It is inexpensive and works great.

Things you can do while in a blackout:

- Do some things you might not take the time to do normally. The main thing is to try to keep busy. Moving will keep your body warmer and help you not slip into depression.
- Of course, spend some time each day reading your Bible and praying for our country and those who are fighting to protect it, as well as your family and loved ones.
- Things you may not normally do, like play games, read, organize, etc.
- Take down your Christmas decorations.
- Write and send cards of encouragement to others who may be alone or struggling.

For a more extensive Emergency Checklist, go to **DaleBlack.org** and click on FREE Downloads and download the **“Emergency Checklist.”**

The world is experiencing more disasters and chaos -- both natural and manmade -- than ever before. Being prepared to face uncertainty has never been more important. As Christians, we want to pray for protection and believe that God will faithfully lead us. But also put our faith into action by using wisdom to prepare.

Without a plan people panic in an emergency. Phone service, internet service and/or electrical service may be interrupted. This can disable communication (cell phones), gas pumps, store cash registers and ATMs. Cash may be your only form of effective currency. And gasoline may be impossible to pump. Always keep your vehicle gas tanks at least ½ full.

Remember, if you experience a blackout that is strategic, it is for our good and our country’s good. Have faith that righteousness will win.

“Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you with my righteous right hand.” Isaiah 41:10



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In perhaps aviation’s most ironic crash, Dale was the only survivor. With a transformed life he continues to touch others in ways that are life changing. (Read his story in his bestselling book *“Flight To Heaven”*).

Dale married his college sweetheart, Paula, and they have two grown children. When Paula was diagnosed with terminal cancer and given 3 to 6 months to live, Dale turned his aviation research skills toward uncovering the root causes of cancer. As a result, Paula was permanently cured, without chemo or radiation. Check out Paula’s inspiring story in the book *“Life, Cancer and God”* by Paula Black and Dale Black. Paula is more than a cancer survivor. She teaches God’s word with passion and is Director of *Winning Over Cancer Ministries* (WinningOverCancer.org).

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