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Dinner Unplugged

Power grid failure

CONSIDER TOGETHER

Build a meal without refrigeration or a powered stove. Who opens the packages?

Everyone answers before the reader reveals the back.

Dinner Unplugged

WHAT TO NOTICE

Stored food is useful when people can prepare and eat it.

TRY THIS

Keep a manual opener with suitable food.

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Next Door

Power grid failure

CONSIDER TOGETHER

Who checks on you, and who expects your check-in?

Everyone answers before the reader reveals the back.

Next Door

WHAT TO NOTICE

Two people can both wait for the other to act.

TRY THIS

Agree on a mutual check-in.

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Off the Air

Power grid failure

CONSIDER TOGETHER

The router is dark. How will you hear local updates?

Everyone answers before the reader reveals the back.

Off the Air

WHAT TO NOTICE

A battery radio removes the household outlet dependency.

TRY THIS

Test a local station and spare batteries.

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Phones Down

Power grid failure

CONSIDER TOGETHER

Choose your out-of-area contact in silence. Did everyone name the same person?

Everyone answers before the reader reveals the back.

Phones Down

WHAT TO NOTICE

Coordination requires an agreement people actually share.

TRY THIS

Write the agreed contact number on paper.

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The Alarm Battery

Power grid failure

CONSIDER TOGETHER

Which alarm still works after the outlets fail?

Everyone answers before the reader reveals the back.

The Alarm Battery

WHAT TO NOTICE

Backup alarms matter when alternate fuel use increases.

TRY THIS

Check your battery-backed carbon monoxide alarm.

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The Cold Night

Power grid failure

CONSIDER TOGETHER

Someone proposes heating the kitchen with a gas oven. What do you say?

Everyone answers before the reader reveals the back.

The Cold Night

WHAT TO NOTICE

Unsafe indoor combustion can create carbon monoxide.

TRY THIS

Use a safe warming location and official guidance.

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The Dark Stairwell

Power grid failure

CONSIDER TOGETHER

Can a visitor leave your building safely after sunset?

Everyone answers before the reader reveals the back.

The Dark Stairwell

WHAT TO NOTICE

A familiar exit may depend on lighting and powered access.

TRY THIS

Learn the building's emergency exit arrangements.

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The Dinner Invitation

Power grid failure

CONSIDER TOGETHER

A neighbor offers refrigerated leftovers after a long outage. What do you ask?

Everyone answers before the reader reveals the back.

The Dinner Invitation

WHAT TO NOTICE

Smell or a small taste cannot establish food safety.

TRY THIS

Use time and temperature guidance.

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The Fridge Clock

Power grid failure

CONSIDER TOGETHER

The outage starts at noon. What time belongs in your food-safety notes?

Everyone answers before the reader reveals the back.

The Fridge Clock

WHAT TO NOTICE

A closed refrigerator keeps food safe for up to four hours.

TRY THIS

Record the start and keep the door shut.

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The Garage Generator

Power grid failure

CONSIDER TOGETHER

Would an open garage door make indoor generator use acceptable?

Everyone answers before the reader reveals the back.

The Garage Generator

WHAT TO NOTICE

Combustion exhaust can cause fatal carbon monoxide exposure.

TRY THIS

Place generators outdoors at least 20 feet from openings.

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The Junk Drawer

Power grid failure

CONSIDER TOGETHER

Talk a guest to your flashlight in ten words.

Everyone answers before the reader reveals the back.

The Junk Drawer

WHAT TO NOTICE

An instruction needs to work for someone who did not organize the drawer.

TRY THIS

Give the flashlight a known home.

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The Lift Stops

Power grid failure

CONSIDER TOGETHER

A resident cannot descend the stairs alone. Who knows their plan?

Everyone answers before the reader reveals the back.

The Lift Stops

WHAT TO NOTICE

A power outage can turn building access into a barrier.

TRY THIS

Arrange assistance with the resident's consent.

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The Next Outage

Power grid failure

CONSIDER TOGETHER

What one change would have made this session easier?

Everyone answers before the reader reveals the back.

The Next Outage

WHAT TO NOTICE

A small completed preparation improves the next response.

TRY THIS

Assign one task and a date.

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The Overnight Device

Power grid failure

CONSIDER TOGETHER

A health device needs continuous electricity. Who planned the transfer?

Everyone answers before the reader reveals the back.

The Overnight Device

WHAT TO NOTICE

Backup duration must match the person's actual needs.

TRY THIS

Make a provider-guided backup and relocation plan.

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The Phone Budget

Power grid failure

CONSIDER TOGETHER

Everyone wants the last charge. What must remain usable?

Everyone answers before the reader reveals the back.

The Phone Budget

WHAT TO NOTICE

Medical, accessibility, and coordination needs can outrank entertainment.

TRY THIS

Agree on a power priority list.

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The Prescription

Power grid failure

CONSIDER TOGETHER

Your routine medicine needs special storage. Who can advise you?

Everyone answers before the reader reveals the back.

The Prescription

WHAT TO NOTICE

Storage and replacement requirements depend on the medicine.

TRY THIS

Ask the pharmacist before an outage.

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The Quiet Line

Power grid failure

CONSIDER TOGETHER

A cable lies on the road. Does silence establish safety?

Everyone answers before the reader reveals the back.

The Quiet Line

WHAT TO NOTICE

Electrical hazards require distance and professional response.

TRY THIS

Keep away and report it to the utility.

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The Restoration Rumor

Power grid failure

CONSIDER TOGETHER

A screenshot promises an exact recovery time. What makes it credible?

Everyone answers before the reader reveals the back.

The Restoration Rumor

WHAT TO NOTICE

An old or unrelated notice can be misleading.

TRY THIS

Verify the issuer, location, and update time.

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The Return Surge

Power grid failure

CONSIDER TOGETHER

Lights return briefly and go out again. Is recovery complete?

Everyone answers before the reader reveals the back.

The Return Surge

WHAT TO NOTICE

Restoration can proceed unevenly.

TRY THIS

Check the utility's current notice.

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The Shop Terminal

Power grid failure

CONSIDER TOGETHER

The grocery has food but cannot take cards. What helps?

Everyone answers before the reader reveals the back.

The Shop Terminal

WHAT TO NOTICE

A payment outage can block an otherwise available purchase.

TRY THIS

Consider secure emergency cash.

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The Tap

Power grid failure

CONSIDER TOGETHER

Water pressure drops. Does the power returning certify water safety?

Everyone answers before the reader reveals the back.

The Tap

WHAT TO NOTICE

Water and electric recovery can follow different timelines.

TRY THIS

Follow water utility advisories.

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The Traffic Signals

Power grid failure

CONSIDER TOGETHER

Your usual route crosses dark intersections. What could you postpone?

Everyone answers before the reader reveals the back.

The Traffic Signals

WHAT TO NOTICE

Travel can create new exposure during a regional outage.

TRY THIS

Delay unnecessary trips.

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The Warm Apartment

Power grid failure

CONSIDER TOGETHER

The indoor temperature rises. What would trigger leaving?

Everyone answers before the reader reveals the back.

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The Warm Apartment

WHAT TO NOTICE

Waiting for certainty can delay a necessary move.

TRY THIS

Choose a safe destination and a heat-safety trigger.

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The Work Server

Power grid failure

CONSIDER TOGETHER

Your home has power but the work service is down. What dependency failed?

Everyone answers before the reader reveals the back.

The Work Server

WHAT TO NOTICE

Local electricity is only part of an online service.

TRY THIS

Keep offline work and contact instructions.

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