

How can a gas shortage or an electricity power cut affect me?

- The heating stays cold
- The water supply does not fully work any more
- Electrical light sources fail
- Stove, oven, or microwave do not function any more
- The deep freeze or refrigerator defrost
- Electronic sources of information work no more
- The communication net breaks down in no time
- Medical appliances working on electricity fail to work
- There is no more fuel supply
- Electronic tills in the shops work no more
- Cash machines (ATMs) stop functioning
- ...

What can I do already now?

Each household should get prepared already now to get along without assistance from outside for a couple of days!

- Stock up a 10-day supply of food, drinking-water, and hygiene articles
- have a camping or gas cooker or barbecue grill at hand (including fuels)
Attention: For outdoor use only!
- Make sure you have a crank radio or one working on batteries (including spare batteries)
- Stock up on your general domestic medicine cabinet
- Have a supply of candles, lighters, matches and torches ready
Attention: There is an increased risk of fire!
Use smoke detectors in full working order only!
Extinguishing agents should be at hand, too!
- Make provisions for people to be looked after or cared for
- Arrange for an emergency meeting point
- Stock up a 10-day cash reserve in small denomination
- Download a warning app (e. g. NINA)

What do I do in an emergency?

- Switch off all electrical appliances to minimise sources of danger and to avoid overloading the electricity supply system
- Switch on the radio! There may be information from the authorities or energy providers
- Use a warning app for information
- Pay attention whether someone around may need your help
- After a power cut: inspect the food in your freezer or fridge, check and possibly adapt the measures taken, fill up stocks

You will find further information about these and other subjects on the internet page of Bundesamt für Bevölkerungsschutz und Katastrophenhilfe (BBK):
https://www.bbk.bund.de/DE/Home/home_node.html

Use your time to take precautions so that in a case of emergency you are well-prepared and able to react calmly!