Our 15-minute blackout drill

Run it tonight with what you already have. Lights off, phones down, timer on.

Battery lights only. Never candles.

- [ ] **0:00 Lights off.**
  Turn off the lights and screens. Start a 15-minute timer. Leave the breaker box alone.

- [ ] **0:02 Find light.**
  Everyone finds a flashlight or headlamp.
  We found _____ lights for _____ people.

- [ ] **0:04 Count the water.**
  Plan on 1 gallon per person per day.
  We have _____ gallons, enough for _____ days.

- [ ] **0:06 Keep the fridge shut.**
  Closed, a fridge keeps food safe about 4 hours and a full freezer about 48.
  Thermometer inside? **Yes / No**

- [ ] **0:08 Find the radio.**
  Battery or hand-crank.
  Can everyone find it in the dark? **Yes / No**

- [ ] **0:10 Numbers on paper.**
  Each person reads one number from this card, without a phone.

- [ ] **0:12 Say the meeting place.**
  If we get split up, we meet at _____.

- [ ] **0:14 Pick one fix.**
  The one thing we were missing: _____.
  We fix it by _____ (date).

Our numbers

Out-of-area contact	Local contact
Meeting place near home	Meeting place outside the neighborhood
Drill date	Next drill (every 6 months)

> **Using a generator? Outdoors only, at least 20 feet from doors and windows, never in a garage. Keep a battery carbon monoxide alarm inside.**

Sources: Ready.gov (water) · USDA (fridge and freezer) · CDC (generators, carbon monoxide)
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