BONUS PACK

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4 extra assets included with your order at no additional cost.

Companion to	The 72-Hour Outage Plan: A room-by-room readiness kit for homeowners
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Why these are here

Your order includes these alongside the core modules, exactly as the page you bought from said it would. They cover the problems that show up right after the core modules: what to do when it goes wrong, how to keep going, and the references worth keeping.

Where a bonus is named for something you open - a tracker, a script, a checklist - the file itself is in this download, and the page for that bonus names it.

Bonus 1. The One-Page Household Plan

Format: reference_card

Everything that matters on one printable sheet for the refrigerator door, because a plan in a binder is a plan nobody reads at 2am. A household plan fails at the handover. The person who wrote it knows where the generator stands and which room is the warm room; nobody else does, and outages do not wait for that person to be home. This sheet is the whole plan compressed to what somebody else needs in the dark: the warm room and the cool room by name, the indoor temperature at which you leave and where you go, the generator's exact spot in words a teenager could follow, the locations of the main water shut-off and the electrical panel, the garage manual release and how it opens, the out-of-area contact, and one line per person saying what their job is. It also carries the four numbers that decide food safety - 4 hours for the refrigerator, 48 for a full freezer, 24 for a half-full one, and the 40F line - so nobody has to remember them or go looking. It is deliberately one page and deliberately not comprehensive: the sixteen modules are where the reasoning lives, and this is the artifact that survives contact with a real outage. Fill it in once, print two copies, and put one on the refrigerator and one in the kit.

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When to use it

Fill it in after module 16's drill, when the plan has been tested and the details are real rather than intended. Reprint it at every six-month review.

Bonus 2. The Load And Runtime Calculator

Format: worksheet

A printable worksheet that walks the running-watts, largest-surge and 0.85-inverter arithmetic, so you can check any product's advertised figures against your own house. Every number a seller quotes you is true about something, and usually not about your house. Runtime is quoted at 25 or 50 percent load. Capacity is quoted as watt-hours, which is not hours. Surge is quoted when it flatters the product and omitted when it does not. The result is that two households with identical needs buy equipment that differs by a thousand dollars, and at least one of them is wrong. This worksheet is the arithmetic written out so you only have to do it once: three tiers of load with a column for nameplate watts and a column for what you actually measured, a line for the single largest surge on the list, the capacity sum that adds running plus one surge rather than every surge, and the runtime calculation with the 0.85 inverter factor already in place so you cannot forget it. There is a second block for comparing a product's advertised runtime against your own calculated figure, with a space for the reason they differ - which is almost always the load assumption, and which you will be able to name once you have done this twice. It replaces the feeling that a product is probably big enough with a number you can defend.

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When to use it

Complete it during modules 2 and 3, before you look at a single product. Bring it back out for every purchase you consider afterwards.

Bonus 3. The Storm-Forecast Checklist

Format: checklist

The short list of things worth doing in the hours before a forecast outage - the window most households waste and then wish they had back. There is a category of outage you get warned about, and almost everything that makes the next three days easier is free and takes under an hour. Households miss it because nobody wrote the list down, so the window gets spent watching the forecast instead of filling the bathtubs. This is that list, in the order that matters when you may only get through half of it. Water first, because it is the system most likely to fail and the cheapest to pre-empt: fill both bathtubs for flushing and top up the drinking store. Then cold: turn the refrigerator and freezer to their coldest setting several hours ahead so the mass of food is colder when the clock starts, and freeze containers of water to use as ice later. Then charge everything, including the things nobody thinks of - the power bank, the laptop that can charge a phone, the headlamps. Then fuel and cash, while stations and machines still have power. Then people: the check-in text to the out-of-area contact so they know to expect you, and the call to whoever lives alone. It closes with the two-minute walk that costs nothing and saves the most: bring the outdoor furniture in and confirm the generator's spot is clear and its cord is where the plan says.

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When to use it

Any time an outage is forecast - storm, ice, heat wave or planned utility work. Keep a copy with the kit and one on the refrigerator beside the one-page plan.

Bonus 4. The Drill Debrief Pack

Format: worksheet

The 90-minute drill script plus the failure log, so the first run produces a fixed list rather than a vague feeling that it went alright. The single most common outcome of buying a preparedness product is that nothing is ever tested, and the second most common is a drill that finds nothing because it was run gently. This pack is built to make the drill produce a list. The script tells you what to switch off, in what order to execute your own written plan, and - the part people get wrong - that you collect failures during the drill and fix none of them until afterwards, because stopping to fix the first one hides the other eight. The log gives every failure a row with the module it came from, what was supposed to happen, what actually happened, the fix, and a space to initial it when the fix is done and verified. There is a second page for the debrief conversation: what took longest, what nobody could find, what one person had to do that should have been shared, and which job turned out to be assigned to somebody who could not do it. It closes with the maintenance checklist for the twice-yearly review - CO alarms, every light, stored water and fuel rotation, medical device battery re-test, contact numbers - and a line for the next review date, because a plan with no date is a plan nobody knows to distrust.

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When to use it

Module 16, and then every six months at the clock change. Keep completed logs; the second drill's list should be much shorter than the first.