The Storm-Forecast Checklist

Bonus asset from The 72-Hour Outage Plan: A room-by-room readiness kit for homeowners. Included with your order at no additional cost.

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.

Print this or tick it on screen. Work down the list once. Every box you cannot tick is the next thing to change - that is the whole output of this audit.

Date run: _____ Space audited: _____

- ☐ WATER - fill both bathtubs (flushing only, NOT drinking)
- ☐ WATER - top up the drinking store to 1 gal per person per day x 3, plus pets
- ☐ COLD - turn fridge and freezer to coldest setting now, several hours ahead
- ☐ COLD - freeze containers of water to use as ice in the cooler later
- ☐ COLD - confirm a thermometer is inside both the fridge and the freezer
- ☐ CHARGE - every phone, power bank, laptop, lantern and headlamp to full
- ☐ CHARGE - the power station to 100%, and test one outlet on it
- ☐ FUEL - top up the vehicle; it is also a phone charger
- ☐ FUEL - confirm generator fuel on hand and the quantity written on the plan
- ☐ CASH - small denominations on hand, amount matching the plan
- ☐ MEDICAL - medication cooler staged with ice packs and a thermometer
- ☐ MEDICAL - device internal batteries charged to full
- ☐ PEOPLE - send the check-in text to the out-of-area contact
- ☐ PEOPLE - call whoever lives alone; agree a check-in time

- [ ] PEOPLE - each person re-reads their job on the one-page plan
- [ ] HOUSE - bring in outdoor furniture and anything that can blow
- [ ] HOUSE - confirm the generator spot is clear and the cord is where the plan says
- [ ] HOUSE - locate the main water shut-off and the garage manual release by hand
- [ ] RADIO - test the AM/FM or NOAA radio and check its batteries
- [ ] LAST - report the outage to the utility the moment it happens, do not assume someone has

Anything left unticked goes on one line here, with the date you will fix it by: