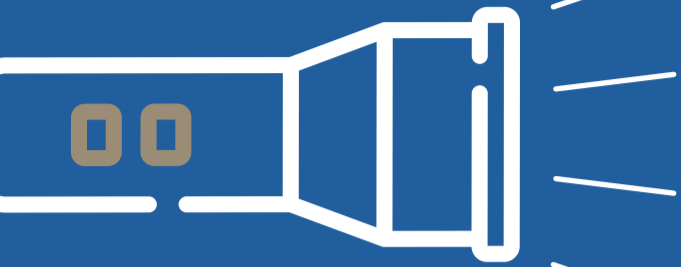


Loadshedding Checklist

Fact Sheet



- ✓ Lights
- ✓ Geyser
- ✓ Pool pump
- ✓ Phone Battery
- ✓ Refrigerator
- ✓ Pre-prepared meals

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Preparing for loadshedding checklist

We really make an effort to consume only the electricity we absolutely need. Wasting power is what leads to incidents of loadshedding. However, should loadshedding occur, here are a few tips that will assist us.

- Keep your cell phone fully charged while the power is on. If your cell phone battery is low, remember that you can use your car charger in your car or power packs.
- The most basic need during power outages is lighting at home, including security lights. Rechargeable LED lights are cost-effective and will give you relatively good durability. You could use candles for lighting but it is a serious safety hazard and should only be a last resort for lighting. A candle could be hazardous if left unattended, so remember to extinguish all candles when you go to bed.
- Having a few emergency pre-prepared meals in your freezer could help you feed the family during loadshedding, but note that refrigerator and freezer doors should be opened minimally during the outage. A four-hour outage should keep food frozen and safe.
- For hot drinks, a thermos flask with boiled water could be handy. A small LP gas-heating ring for essential cooking is useful, but make sure you have an extra bottle of gas.

- Electric surges are one of the biggest causes of damage to our equipment when the power comes back on after a power outage. Installing surge protection devices can help us minimise that risk.
- Keeping a frozen bottle of water in your freezer will help keep food cold during a power outage.



- Keeping torches and spare batteries in easy to access places, like next to your bed is crucial. Consider the use of rechargeable light sources and rechargeable batteries.
- Access, security and safety remains a top priority. Solar-powered security and garden lights are an efficient way to ensure lighting and security during power outages. Knowing where the manual release lever of your electric garage door is located and how to operate it ensures you can get out and in. In addition, if you regularly use

- the garage as the primary means of entering your home, a spare front door key in case the garage door will not open will definitely prove handy.
- Most medication that needs refrigeration can be kept in a closed fridge for several hours without spoiling - it is essential that you check with your doctor or pharmacist which medication needs to be kept cool.
- Losing data can be annoying, and even costly. Set a regular meeting in your diary with yourself, to save your data remotely if possible, in case of a hard drive crash or unforeseen electrical fault. Online "cloud-based" backups are very convenient and are mostly automated, which means that you have one less thing to worry about.

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We would like to request that customers switch off their geysers and pool pumps when loadshedding commences, and keep them off for an additional 30 minutes after power has been restored to ensure that the electricity supply can be restored successfully.

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