PRINTABLE CHECKLIST

Which batteries should you stock for a power cut? UK guide

Stock alkaline batteries in the sizes your torches and radio take, ideally a bulk pack with a stated seven to ten year shelf life. For most homes that means a large pack of AA cells plus some AAA. Keep at least one full spare set per device, store them outside the devices, and add USB-charged rechargeables if you use your lights often.

- [ ] List every torch, lantern, radio and alarm with its battery size
- [ ] Hold two spare sets for each device you depend on
- [ ] Keep spares in their packaging, cool and dry
- [ ] Write the purchase month on every pack
- [ ] Own a USB-powered charger and a power bank if you use rechargeables
- [ ] Lock button cells away from children
- [ ] Test devices and alarms every six months
- [ ] Recycle dead batteries at a collection point