PRINTABLE CHECKLIST

Home battery storage and blackouts

A home battery only keeps your lights on in a power cut if it was installed with a backup function that can disconnect the house from the grid. Many are not, and shut down with the mains. If yours does have backup, a 5 kWh battery can run lights, a router and a fridge-freezer for a day or more.

- [ ] Find your handover paperwork and look for backup, EPS or island mode
- [ ] Ask your installer which circuits stay live in a cut
- [ ] Check the backup output rating in kW
- [ ] Set a winter backup reserve if your app allows it
- [ ] Test with the main switch off for a few minutes in daylight
- [ ] Write down which sockets work in backup mode
- [ ] Keep a torch and power bank ready anyway