PRINTABLE CHECKLIST

How do you keep Wi-Fi on in a power cut? UPS and battery backup

Your broadband stops in a power cut because the router and any fibre box need mains power. A router only draws 10 to 15 W, so a mini UPS can keep Wi-Fi running for about 2 to 5 hours, and a small power station for well over half a day. That only works while your provider's street and exchange equipment still has power, which is likely in a local cut and less

- [ ] List every powered box between the wall and your devices
- [ ] Read the voltage and amps on the router and fibre box adaptors
- [ ] Put the router and fibre box on the same backup
- [ ] Test: switch off at the wall and load a web page
- [ ] Time the runtime once so you know what you have
- [ ] Ask your provider about a battery unit if you depend on a digital landline
- [ ] Keep a power bank charged for phone hotspot use
- [ ] Turn on autosave and offline access for work files
- [ ] Learn how to silence the UPS alarm
- [ ] Retest the UPS battery twice a year