PRINTABLE CHECKLIST

Is the UK going to have a blackout? What the government has said

No national blackout has been planned, announced or forecast for the UK, and no official body has given a date. The government's Be Ready campaign, launched on 22 October 2026, asks households to be able to manage for three days as general preparedness, not as a forecast. The National Risk Register describes a national power outage as low likelihood but very high

- [ ] Check a torch works and has spare batteries
- [ ] Store 3 litres of water per person per day for three days
- [ ] Keep three days of food that needs no cooking, and a tin opener
- [ ] Get a battery or wind-up FM radio
- [ ] Keep a power bank charged
- [ ] Write key numbers on paper, including 105
- [ ] Keep a little cash in notes and coins
- [ ] Join the Priority Services Register if you qualify
- [ ] Pick one or two trusted sources for news
- [ ] Check the kit every six months