PRINTABLE CHECKLIST

Can you flush the toilet in a power cut? Washing when water is off

You can flush most toilets in a power cut, because they work by gravity. If the water stops, pour a bucket of non-drinking water quickly into the bowl. Macerator toilets need power, so do not use them. Electric showers and combi boilers stop, but a hot water cylinder stays warm for hours. Wash with a litre of water and a flannel, or no-rinse wipes, and keep hands

- [ ] Find out whether any toilet in your home is a macerator
- [ ] Find out whether your water is pumped (flats, private supplies)
- [ ] Keep a bucket by the bath for hand flushing
- [ ] Fill the bath and buckets if a long cut looks likely
- [ ] Store drinking water separately: 3 litres per person per day
- [ ] Keep hand sanitiser by the toilet and the kitchen
- [ ] Stock large no-rinse wipes for each person
- [ ] Keep strong bin bags and cat litter for a bucket toilet
- [ ] Hold extra nappies, nappy sacks and period products
- [ ] Keep a lantern for the bathroom, not candles
- [ ] Check wipes and sanitiser dates every six months