

Load Shedding Tips

Be prepared during dark times...

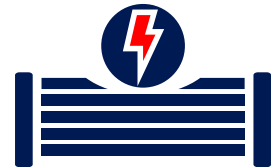
Keep your cell phone fully charged when the power is on. If your cell phone battery is low, remember that you can use your car charger in your car or power packs.



Invest in a small LP gas lamp for good quality lighting over a large area.



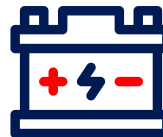
Test Gates, electric fencing and other property protections.



Install solar powered security and garden lights. Also consider LED globes which come on when the power goes off.



Check Burglar Alarm batteries regularly as policy warranties will still apply for claims.



Remember to switch off the electrical appliances you were using when power outage started e.g. stoves, hairdryers & straighteners as these could cause a fire.



Keep Roadside Assistance and Emergency Numbers handy when travelling. If you have the HW Assist benefit call

086 111 4976



Invest in a small LP gas heating ring for essential cooking and to boil water for hot drinks – make sure you have an extra bottle of gas.

Make use of surge protection: Electric surges are one of the biggest causes of damage to equipment during a power outage. Installing a surge protection device can help minimise damage.



Keep frozen bottled water in your freezer to help keep food cold during a power outage.

Keep a battery powered torch or candles in a place where it will be easy to find in the dark – make sure you have an extra set of fresh batteries.



Be vigilant when driving at night. Keep a torch in your car for emergencies.



Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed at all times – a power outage of four hours should not cause food spoilage and a freezer should keep frozen and safe at least a day.

Back up your data: Make it a priority to save your data offsite, in case of a hard drive crash or unforeseen electrical fault.

Online “cloud-based” backups are very convenient and are mostly automated, which means that you have one less thing to worry about.



Access, security and safety always remain a top priority – know where the manual release lever of your electrical garage door opener is located and how to operate it.

Keep a key to your house with you if you regularly use the garage as a primary means of entering your home, in case the garage door will not open,



Remember - Loadshedding is likely to delay vehicle repair processes and could result in a shortfall on 30 day car hire benefits - consider extending your cover today.