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Power Outage/Blackout

A Few Facts:

- A power outage/blackout can happen when there is a storm or energy shortage.
- Heat is the major public health problem related to blackouts because ...
 - extreme heat causes most summertime blackouts, and
 - it causes air conditioning not to work.
- Some blackouts can stop water treatment plants, making clean water that is safe to drink in short supply.
- Preparing for a blackout is like preparing for a natural disaster; you need to make a plan, pack a kit and be informed.

Vocabulary:

- **Blackout:** the loss of electrical power to an area
- **Energy:** the ability to do work
- **Shortage:** not enough of something

References:

- Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
- Merriam-Webster Word Central

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