

Spending more time at home?



Feeling hesitant to connect with people outside your social circle during the pandemic? It might be your survival instincts.



Many people are spending more time at home during the pandemic for obvious reasons. What is the impact of this trend?



During peak hours, this surge in demand places strains on power suppliers and increases a possibility of power outages.



Is it a good idea to have a contingency plan for an emergency? Many believe so. But what's the most effective hedge against a possible power outage? Generators efficiently address the power outages. However, they may be



quite pricey. Are affordable gernator alternatives available? Yes! Portable powerstations are ideal for those people on tight budgets; who can't afford generators. They aren't as powerful as generators. However, they are a fraction of the cost. How much? Powerstation prices range from \$100.00 to \$500.00 depending on the circumstances and demand for emergency energy.



Not every problem is obvious like fires and fire extinguishers. Carbon monoxide is an oderless threat, if it isn't addressed. Don't have detectors for smoke and carbon monoxide? Consider installing them soon. Even if you have these detectors, remember to routinely check them and the batteries that power them. All types of gas leaks, visible and non-visible (smoke, carbon monoxide, etc...) are hazardous to your health and bad for wiring. Recognize this but cannot afford it? Ask about state-funded programs non-profit organizations that could assist you with funded federal and state subsidies. The American Red Cross has a volunteer program that aids in safeguarding homes against domestic fires and gas leaks.

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Traveling? A full tank of gas is an assurance against being stranded at home alone without food during a power outage. Speaking of food, it would be a wise idea to make storage space for non-perishable items in the event of food shortages. Make room for a survival case, in the event the household must be evacuated. Conduct evacuation drills with your family.



Surge protectors are a security measure and an added assurance against electrical surges, which can damage devices.





Lighten up! Light sources may be overlooked; so don't forget flashlights, candles and other light sources (smartphones)! Imagine opening a can of food in the dark. And don't forget batteries as well. What good is a light without a power source.



Prepare for medical emergencies. It is essential for accident prone family members or loved ones who require extra care. Remember a first aid kit. Make a list of necessary medications; family members routinely require during emergency trips.

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