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The Essential Home Blackout Survival Blueprint & Sizing Calculator

A Field-Tested Action Guide to Sizing Emergency Inverters, Protecting Perishables, and Powering Critical Household Loads for Under \$120 in Hardware

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MODULE 1

Essential Household Appliance Load Matrix

During a localized or regional grid failure, attempting to power your entire electrical service panel is the fastest route to draining your battery bank and overloading your inverter. Survival power engineering relies on **strict load isolation**: identifying which appliances sustain life, prevent catastrophic food loss, and maintain situational awareness.

 **The Inductive Surge Trap**

Inductive loads (appliances with electric motors or compressors like refrigerators, sump pumps, and power tools) require **2.5x to 4x their continuous running wattage** for the first 500 milliseconds of compressor startup. Sizing an inverter solely for running watts will cause instant overload trips.

Appliance / Device	Running Watts	Starting Surge	Duty Cycle	Daily Watt-Hours
Full-Size Kitchen Refrigerator	180 W	800 W	33% (8 hrs/day)	1,440 Wh
Chest Freezer (5 cu. ft.)	90 W	450 W	25% (6 hrs/day)	540 Wh
Medical CPAP Machine (No Humidifier)	45 W	60 W	8 hrs continuous	360 Wh
Home Wi-Fi Router + Fiber ONT	15 W	15 W	24 hrs continuous	360 Wh
Submersible Sump Pump (1/3 HP)	800 W	2,200 W	Intermittent (2 hrs)	1,600 Wh
LED Living Area Lighting (2 Bulbs)	18 W	18 W	5 hrs evening	90 Wh
Smartphone Charging (2 Devices)	20 W	20 W	3 hrs	60 Wh
Laptop / Emergency Radio	65 W	65 W	4 hrs	260 Wh

MODULE 2 Battery Capacity & Inverter Mathematics

To ensure your battery bank survives multiple consecutive cloudy days or extended blackouts without dying, apply this 3-step calculation formula:

Formula 1: Total Required Battery Bank Capacity (Amp-Hours at 12V)

$$\text{Total Daily Wh} \div (\text{System Voltage} \times \text{Depth of Discharge} \times \text{Inverter Efficiency}) = \text{Required Ah}$$

Example for Essential Baseline (2,450 Wh/day with LiFePO4 battery):

$$2,450 \text{ Wh} \div (12.8\text{V} \times 0.85 \text{ DoD} \times 0.90 \text{ Efficiency}) = 250 \text{ Amp-Hours (Ah)}$$

Inverter Selection: Pure Sine Wave vs. Modified Sine Wave

Never run modern appliances on cheap 'modified sine wave' inverters. Variable-speed refrigerator compressors, CPAP digital controllers, and laptop power bricks will overheat, produce severe electrical hums, and suffer permanent circuitry degradation. Always insist on **Pure Sine Wave (THD < 3%)**.

System Load Tier	Continuous Rating	Surge Rating	Minimum DC Cable Gauge (5ft)	Inline Fuse
Emergency Lighting & Comm Tier	500 Watts	1,000 Watts	6 AWG Pure Copper	60A ANL
Refrigerator & Medical Tier	1,200 Watts	2,400 Watts	2 AWG Pure Copper	150A ANL
Full Kitchen & Well Pump Tier	2,500 Watts	5,000 Watts	2/0 AWG Pure Copper	300A ANL

Sizing Rule of Thumb

Always pair your continuous inverter wattage with a battery bank that can supply at least $(\text{Watts} \div 10)$ Amps continuously without exceeding the battery's maximum C-rate. A 1,200W inverter requires a battery bank capable of discharging 120A continuous.

MODULE 3 The 72-Hour Blackout Triage Protocol

When the substation transformer blows and the neighborhood plunges into pitch black, immediate discipline during the first 120 minutes determines whether you comfortably ride out the crisis or suffer severe food poisoning and property damage.

- ☐ **Minute 0–15: Main Breaker Isolation** — Switch off your home's main 200A utility breaker. When grid power surges back online, intense transient spikes often incinerate delicate home electronics. Keep it disconnected until utility stability is visually confirmed.

- ☐ **Minute 15–30: Refrigerator Cold Lockdown** — An unopened refrigerator preserves safe food temperatures (<40°F) for exactly 4 hours. A full chest freezer maintains sub-freezing temperatures for 48 hours. Wrap the freezer in an insulated moving blanket or sleeping bag to double thermal retention.
- ☐ **Minute 30–60: Gravity Water Reservoir Fill** — Municipal water pressure relies on electric booster pumping stations that fail within 6 to 18 hours. Clean your bathtubs immediately and fill them with non-potable sanitation water (each tub holds ~40–50 gallons).
- ☐ **Minute 60–120: Emergency Lighting Deployment** — Never rely on open flames or candles inside closed living spaces due to carbon monoxide and flash fire hazards. Deploy 12V 5W LED USB magnetic work lights powered by portable USB power banks.

MODULE 4

Hardware Store Stealth Sourcing Guide

Big-box retail stores and solar marketing firms mark up pre-packaged 'solar generators' by 300% to 500%. You can assemble the identical functional components using industrial generic parts at a fraction of the cost.

Component	Retail Branded Price	Industrial Generic Equivalent	Savings
100Ah 12V LiFePO4 Battery	\$799.00 (Goal Zero / Yeti)	\$189.00 (Generic Grade-A Prismatic Cells with Smart BMS)	76% Off
1,000W Pure Sine Inverter	\$349.00 (Renogy/EcoFlow)	\$94.00 (Industrial High-Frequency PWM Inverter)	73% Off
100W Monocrystalline Panel	\$160.00 (Brand Store)	\$58.00 (Commercial Surplus Grade-A Perc Mono)	63% Off
Heavy-Duty Battery Interconnects	\$45.00	\$12.00 (Custom 2 AWG Welding Cable with Tinned Lugs)	73% Off

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