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Prepare for Winter Weather-Related Power Outages with Tips from Generac

Seasonal Forecast Predicts Harsh Winter Conditions across the United States

WAUKESHA, Wis. — December 20, 2022 — [Generac Power Systems \(NYSE: GNRC\)](#), a leading global designer, manufacturer and provider of energy technology solutions and other power products, is encouraging homeowners and businesses across the United States to prepare for the increased risk of power outages associated with winter weather.

[According to NOAA's 2022-2023 Winter Outlook](#), parts of the US are predicted to experience below-average temperatures and above-average precipitation. La Niña returns for the third consecutive winter, bringing wetter-than-average conditions for areas of the Ohio Valley, Great Lakes, Northern Rockies, and Pacific Northwest, while severe drought is expected across the Western US and southern Great Plains.

"Much of the United States will face increased chances of power outages this winter, as low temperatures and harsh conditions strain the country's electrical grids," said Kyle Raabe, president of Consumer Power for Generac. "This is only exacerbated by the country's rapidly-aging power grids, making winter power outage preparation more important than ever."

How to Prepare for a Winter Power Outage Emergency

Experiencing a power outage during frigid conditions can be devastating, and it's important for homeowners to have an emergency plan. When planning for a power outage, homeowners need to consider the following tips:

- Before a winter storm warning, ensure electronic devices are fully charged and have a battery-powered emergency radio ready to check weather conditions and stay current with emergency information
- Purchase water and non-perishable, nutritious, and protein-rich staples that do not require refrigeration or heat
- Unplug all appliances during an outage to avoid damage in the case of an electrical surge when the power is restored
- To safely operate a portable generator, ensure the fuel supply is stable and ready for use. As a rule of thumb, a portable generator will run between nine and 11 hours on 6 to 7 gallons of fuel, if operated at 50 percent load

Long-term damage to the home is possible during an extended winter power outage, especially if the sump pump system is unable to protect the basement from flooding. The best way to be prepared and prevent damage to the home is to secure a backup source of power.

"It's important to consider all available options when thinking about backup power during winter," added Raabe. "While portable generators can easily power up a few appliances straight out of the box,



automatic home standby generators offer greater peace of mind and can run continuously until utility power is restored."

Power outages can be monitored this winter with Generac's [Power Outage Central](#) tool, with additional seasonal preparedness tips for protecting homes and families from power outages as well as information on home backup power solutions at www.generac.com.

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