



STORM CHECKLIST

Everything to sort before, during and after a storm: the garden, the house, the power and the people next door.

► [Read the full guide: Storm Damage Prevention](#) →

■ **Anchor it, bring it in or lose it**

■ **Charge everything before it hits**

■ **Power cut? Call 105**

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"When a storm warning comes in, I don't go shopping. I go round the garden with the ground anchors and the straps, then I charge everything with a plug. Janet watches from the kitchen window with a cup of tea and calls it my storm walk. I call it the reason our trampoline is still in our garden."

— Calm Clarissa, UK Prepper Hub

OUTSIDE, BEFORE IT HITS

Anything that can move will move. Bring it in, tie it down, or expect to find it in someone else's garden.

- ☐ **Heavy duty ground anchors** [Check Price on Amazon](#) → [★ We've reviewed this](#) →
Screw one in beside each trampoline leg, gazebo leg or polytunnel side. Darren holds his polytunnel down through storms with this style.
- ☐ **Ratchet straps** [Check Price on Amazon](#) →
Over the frame and down to the anchors, then tighten until nothing rocks.
- ☐ **Bring in garden furniture, parasols, pots and toys**
Anything light enough to carry is light enough to fly.
- ☐ **Secure the wheelie bins**
Inside the garage or shed, or laid on their side against a wall.
- ☐ **Clear gutters, downpipes and drains**
Blocked ones turn heavy rain into water against your walls.
- ☐ **Check fences, gates and shed doors**
A panel that wobbles today will be next door's tomorrow.
- ☐ **Park away from trees, walls and power lines**



LIGHT AND POWER

Storms are the most common cause of long power cuts. Torches, not candles.

- ☐ **Plug-in night light that comes on in a power cut** [Check Price on Amazon →](#) [★ We've reviewed this →](#)
Lives in a socket and lights the landing or stairs the moment a storm takes the power out.
- ☐ **A torch for every person** [Check Price on Amazon →](#) [★ We've reviewed this →](#)
Kept where you can find it in the dark.
- ☐ **Head torch** [Check Price on Amazon →](#) [★ We've reviewed this →](#)
Both hands free for the fuse box, the stairs or a leak.
- ☐ **Lantern to light a whole room** [Check Price on Amazon →](#) [★ We've reviewed this →](#)
- ☐ **Spare AA batteries** [Check Price on Amazon →](#)
- ☐ **20,000mAh power bank, one per person** [Check Price on Amazon →](#) [★ We've reviewed this →](#)
Charged before the storm, not during it.
- ☐ **Wind-up radio** [Check Price on Amazon →](#) [★ We've reviewed this →](#)
Local radio keeps you updated when the phone signal and internet go.

Worried about a long power cut? [Get my Power Cut Checklist →](#)

FOOD, WATER AND WARMTH

- ☐ **Water, 3 litres per person per day** [Check Price on Amazon →](#)
Fill a water can from the tap when the warning comes in.
- ☐ **Three days of food that needs little or no cooking** [Check Price on Amazon →](#) [★ We've reviewed this →](#)
- ☐ **Camping gas stove and spare canisters** [Check Price on Amazon →](#) [★ We've reviewed this →](#)
For cooking only, never for keeping warm.
- ☐ **Hot water bottles** [Check Price on Amazon →](#)
Fill them while you still have power.
- ☐ **Blankets, sleeping bags and warm layers**
- ☐ **Flasks for hot water**

PEOPLE AND PETS

- ☐ **First aid kit** [Check Price on Amazon →](#) [★ We've reviewed this →](#)
- ☐ **A week of spare prescription medicine**
- ☐ **Hygiene products**
- ☐ **Some cash**
Card machines and cash points stop working in a power cut.
- ☐ **Spare pet food**
- ☐ **Join the Priority Services Register**
Free, if anyone at home relies on power for medical equipment or is older or disabled.

Water off for more than a day? [Get my Hygiene Checklist →](#)



REPAIRS AND FLOODING

Stop-gap fixes until the professionals can get to you.

- ☐ **Self amalgamating tape** [Check Price on Amazon →](#) [★ We've reviewed this →](#)

For a leaking pipe or a cable joint letting water in.

- ☐ **Household tool kit** [Check Price on Amazon →](#) [★ We've reviewed this →](#)

- ☐ **Flood sock** [Check Price on Amazon →](#) [★ We've reviewed this →](#)

If you live in a flood warning area. Also handy for a leak indoors.

- ☐ **Waterproof case for documents** [Check Price on Amazon →](#) [★ We've reviewed this →](#)

Passports, insurance papers and anything you can't replace.

- ☐ **Combined smoke and carbon monoxide alarm** [Check Price on Amazon →](#) [★ We've reviewed this →](#)

Essential if you'll be cooking or heating with gas or paraffin.

WHEN THE WARNING COMES IN

- ☐ Check the Met Office warning and any flood warnings for your area
- ☐ Charge every phone, power bank, torch and lantern
- ☐ Screw in the ground anchors and tighten the straps
- ☐ Bring in anything that can blow about
- ☐ Fill the water can and the flasks
- ☐ Turn the fridge and freezer to their coldest setting
- ☐ Move the car away from trees
- ☐ Check that elderly or vulnerable neighbours know it's coming

DURING THE STORM

- ☐ Stay indoors and away from windows
- ☐ Only travel if you really have to
- ☐ Keep away from the coast, rivers and flood water
- ☐ Power off? Call 105, and keep the fridge and freezer shut
- ☐ Use torches, never candles
- ☐ Never bring a BBQ, patio heater or generator indoors

AFTER THE WIND DROPS

- ☐ Look for damage from the ground. Never climb on the roof
- ☐ Keep well away from fallen power lines. Call 105, or 999 if anyone is in danger
- ☐ Photograph any damage before you tidy up
- ☐ Tell your insurer as soon as you can
- ☐ Check on your neighbours
- ☐ Re-tighten straps and recharge everything before the next storm



Fill this in now and stick it on the fridge. Your phone might be flat when you need it.

WHO	NUMBER	NOTES
Emergency services	999 or 112	
Power cut or power lines down Free from any phone. England, Scotland and Wales	105	
Floodline Flood warnings for your area	0345 988 1188	
Gas emergency Northern Ireland: 0800 002 001	0800 111 999	
NHS 111	111	
Home insurance claim line And your policy number		
Water company		
Neighbour		
Family contact		



Missing Something?

Using a printed copy? Point your phone camera at the code for anything you still need and it'll open on Amazon.



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My Other Checklists

Each of these goes further on one subject. Scan to download, all free.



Power Cut Checklist

Light, power, warmth and food when the lights go out



Water Checklist

From 3 days to a two-week supply



Grab Bag Checklist

If you have to leave in a hurry



All of Clarissa's checklists

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