

## Be Prepared

The U.S. grid is the worst in the industrialized world (outages are up 285% !)

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**Power outages in the United States are up an astonishing 285% since 1984.**

The U.S. ranks last among the top nine Western industrialized nations in the average length of outages. That dismal performance costs American businesses as much as \$150 billion every year according to the EIA.

**“The U.S. electrical grid, once one of the world’s great marvels, is crumbling after decades of underinvestment,”** trumpets the magazine. “It’s... something of a relic, largely built after World War II from designs that date to Thomas Edison.”

## **Storm Season**

The National Weather Service has termed Georgia hurricanes a “sleeping giant” — describing Georgia as **“very hurricane vulnerable despite what has not occurred in the most recent decades”** and helping to propel one noted Georgia city to the list of 2011’s Top 5

Hurricane Overdue Cities — **ranking Savannah as the “4th Most Overdue City” for hurricanes** in a report by Rick Knabb, a noted hurricane expert and Director of the National Hurricane Center.

## **Baby Steps:**

Don’t leave your management skills at work.

1. Water: 2 gal/person/day (covers drinking, washing & cooking)
2. Food: 3 day supply. (Practice: Buy-Two, Keep One, especially when on-sale, Stock-Up!)
3. Batteries (NI MH rechargeable and chargers AA’s and larger, AAA’s& 9v’s are weak)
4. Fuel (keep car tanks full, 5 gallon storage cans, extra full propane tank for grills, charcoal)
5. 12V Supply -deep cycle battery, inverter (bigger is better) & charger
6. Candles/Flashlights/Solar lights (outdoor type, bring inside when needed)
7. Valuables easily grab-able
8. Generator (Daytime-keep fridge & freezer cold, charge batteries. Nighttime-off/secured)
9. 12v Portable Fans (hook-up to deep cycle battery, sort-out connections ahead of time)
10. Tarps & 2x4’s (Tarps are cheap are Harbor Freight)

**Two is one. One is none.**