

- * ☐ 1. Charge all phones, power banks, tablets, and rechargeable lanterns.
- * ☐ 2. Fill vehicle gas tanks in case stations lose power.
- * ☐ 3. Get cash in small bills in case card systems go down.
- * ☐ 4. Pick up prescriptions and essential medications early.
- * ☐ 5. Download movies, books, and maps for offline use.
- * ☐ 6. Identify one warm room in the house to “camp out” if power fails.
- * ☐ 7. Locate water shut-off valve and breaker box now, not later.
- * ☐ 8. Set fridge and freezer to colder settings to hold temperature longer.

WATER AND PIPE PROTECTION

- * ☐ 9. Drip faucets on exterior walls when temps drop below freezing.
- * ☐ 10. Open cabinet doors under sinks to allow warm air circulation.
- * ☐ 11. Disconnect garden hoses from outdoor spigots.
- * ☐ 12. Cover outdoor faucets with insulated caps or towels.
- * ☐ 13. Know how to shut off water quickly if a pipe bursts.
- * ☐ 14. Fill jugs, buckets, or bathtub with water for flushing and washing.

FOOD AND KITCHEN PREP

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HEAT AND HOME SAFETY

- * □ 21. Gather extra blankets, sleeping bags, and warm layers.
- * □ 22. If using a fireplace, confirm chimney is clear and have dry wood.
- * □ 23. Never run generators or grills inside garages or homes.
- * □ 24. Test smoke and carbon-monoxide detectors.
- * □ 25. Have at least one flashlight per person plus spare batteries.
- * □ 26. Use battery lanterns instead of candles when possible.

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VEHICLE AND TRAVEL

- * □ 27. Plan to avoid driving once freezing rain begins.
- * □ 28. Bridges, overpasses, and shaded roads freeze first.
- * □ 29. Keep in the car: blanket, water, snacks, phone charger, gloves.
- * □ 30. Replace old wiper blades and top off washer fluid.
- * □ 31. Park away from large tree limbs when possible.
- * □ 32. Assume flights and travel may be disrupted for days.

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POWER OUTAGE PLAN

- * □ 33. Unplug sensitive electronics to avoid surge damage.
- * □ 34. Keep one battery radio or weather app for updates.
- * □ 35. Use surge protectors for TVs and computers.
- * □ 36. Know where warming centers may be in your parish.
- * □ 37. Have extension cords ready if using a generator outside.
- * □ 38. Keep refrigerator closed to preserve cold air.

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PETS AND LIVESTOCK

- * ☐ 39. Bring pets indoors with extra food and water.
- * ☐ 40. Provide outdoor animals with unfrozen water sources.
- * ☐ 41. Add straw or blankets to outdoor shelters.
- * ☐ 42. Keep leashes and carriers accessible in case of evacuation.
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MEDICAL AND SPECIAL NEEDS

- * ☐ 43. Keep a written list of medications and dosages.
- * ☐ 44. Store a small first-aid kit with thermometer and basic meds.
- * ☐ 45. Have backup batteries for medical devices.
- * ☐ 46. Identify a place with power you could relocate to if needed.
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PROPERTY PROTECTION

- * ☐ 47. Move vehicles away from trees or power lines.
- * ☐ 48. Secure outdoor furniture and lightweight items.
- * ☐ 49. Avoid trimming trees during the storm—do it beforehand.
- * ☐ 50. Photograph property for insurance before conditions worsen.
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DURING THE STORM

- * ☐ 51. Do not drive unless absolutely necessary.
- * ☐ 52. Assume downed lines are live and dangerous.
- * ☐ 53. Use only safe indoor heating methods.
- * ☐ 54. Check on neighbors, especially elderly, by phone if possible.
- * ☐ 55. Report outages to utility companies rather than 911 unless it's an emergency.
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AFTER THE STORM

- * ☐ 56. Walk carefully—ice may refreeze overnight.
- * ☐ 57. Check pipes for leaks as temperatures rise.
- * ☐ 58. Throw out refrigerated food if above 40°F for more than 4 hours.
- * ☐ 59. Avoid DIY electrical repairs around downed lines.
- * ☐ 60. Be patient—restoring power after ice can take several days.

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KEY REALITY FOR SOUTHERN ICE EVENTS

- * ☐ A quarter inch of ice can bring scattered outages.
- * ☐ Half an inch can cripple travel and power for days.
- * ☐ Ice is more dangerous than snow for the Deep South