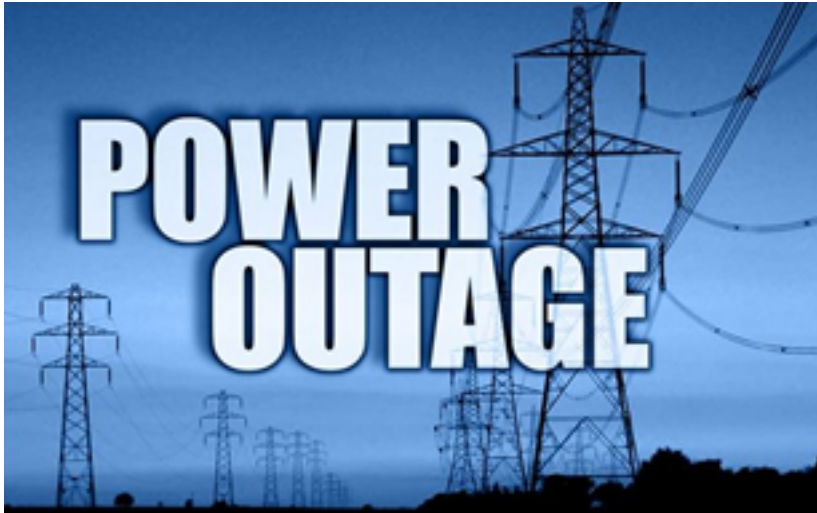


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Power outages are occurring more frequently than ever and lasting longer with devastating effects.

Access to the Internet is dependent on connectivity to electricity. A computer, laptop, iPad, iPhone, netbook, wi-fi, modem, etc. all require electrical power.

So, what if the next time power goes out on your street, a standby generator automatically kicks in and keeps your computer up and running for several hours? Having a power generator will give you that time, especially if you were in the middle of working on an important document.

### What Type Should I Buy?

The answer to that question depends on the level of power you need during an outage. If you are a homeowner with a family you may be willing to invest as much as \$10,000 to add to your home a standby generator to keep everything running: heat, appliances and internet access.

If you are apartment dweller, then a portable type for \$89 may be just what you need for several hours of power.

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### Residential Standby Generators

These run on the home's natural gas or LP fuel supply, it is less expensive than gasoline and never needs to be refilled.

They start automatically within seconds of a power outage, and eliminate the need to haul a portable generator outside or run extension cords throughout your home.

They provide protection 24/7, whether you're home or away, and they turn themselves off when power returns, so there is no need to monitor the unit during an outage.

### Portable Power

Aside from preserving life at home or away and making it simpler when nothing around can be used to help, the most vital benefit of a portable potential generator lies in its name: it is Portable. It can be passed, displaced, brought, dragged and dropped where on earth needed, no matter what the time and circumstances. And that alone is worth the strongest of considerations.

If keeping your business up and running is important, then consider an additional power source just in case!{jcomments on}