



Power Outage Preparation – Power Banks

A key emergency preparation item is always **batteries** – but how can you keep your electronics up and running for communication or work?

Even during a power outage, mobile phone service is often still up, allowing your smartphone to access the internet through your wireless provider (Telus, Bell, etc.). Laptops and tablets can tether to the network through your smartphone. Now your biggest challenge is the power drain on your devices!

Rechargeable power banks are the answer. They are readily available in small pocket/purse sizes to re-charge a phone once; a larger bank capable of multiple charges; heavy duty banks with an added DC outlet for a laptop charger and a car battery jump; or a large power station for all of the above plus a pair of household electrical outlets. Find the smaller power banks in tech boutiques, office supply and drug stores, and the larger in hardware stores. Just remember to charge them before the next storm!

