

Storm & Camping Charging Checklist

One page, two jobs: keep your devices alive through a power cut, or run a campsite's worth of gear from a single 20000mAh bank. Print it and keep it with the charger.

Before the storm or the trip

Charge the power bank to 100% from the wall. Charge every phone, watch, headlamp and earbud case to full. Download offline maps, boarding passes and documents. Tell family the plan and the number you will check first.

Charging priority order

1) The phone of the person coordinating — keep it above 30% at all times. 2) A second phone or a radio for news. 3) A headlamp or the bank's own camping light for the evening. 4) Watches and earbuds last — they sip power and can share short top-ups.

A simple 72-hour budget (20000mAh bank)

Day 1: one full phone charge (about 25% of the bank) plus light use of the camping light. Day 2: a second phone charge and an Apple Watch top-up (about 30%). Day 3: keep the last 30-40% in reserve for calls and messages only, with solar trickle adding small amounts whenever the sun is out.

Rules that stretch the power

Aeroplane mode is your best friend; check messages in batches. Screen brightness at half doubles your margin. Charge devices while they are off when you can. Keep the bank warm and dry — cold batteries give back less. Never leave it baking in the sun to charge; shade plus patience wins.

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