



HYVINKÄÄ

Power outages and disturbances

Natural phenomena and energy shortages may cause power outages. In normal conditions, it is good to save energy and be prepared for disturbances.

PREPAREDNESS

The majority of homes and public services rely on electricity production. Therefore, we should ensure that we are able to cope with disturbances.

Keep the following at home:

- Flashlight, candles and matches
- Battery-powered radio so you can hear important communications by authorities
- Batteries and spare fuses
- Power bank for charging your phone without mains power
- Small amount of cash if the cash machines do not work
- Clean water for a few days
- Canned food and dry food
- Camping stove
- Painkillers, bandages and plasters
- Firewood if you have a fireplace or wood-burning stove at home

Preparedness recommendations for households made by authorities and organisations can be found on the website: www.72hours.fi

DISTURBANCE MAP

Ensure that your contact information is up to date at your electricity company.

Power outages are updated on the disturbance map on the website of the electricity distribution company Caruna: hairiokartta.caruna.fi

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- As long as the telecommunications network is working and you have enough battery power, you can get information online.
- Reliable sources of information include, for example:
 1. Yle channels
 2. Electricity and water companies' communication channels
 3. City of Hyvinkää communication channels (www.hyvinkaa.fi)

IF THE POWER IS CUT

In the event of a power outage, turn off the electrical equipment. The most important thing is to turn off the cooker, iron, coffee maker and washing machine.

Please note that, for example, lifts, cash machines and public transport do not necessarily work.

Food

- In the cold season, store perishable foods outdoors, protecting them well.
- Avoid opening the freezer to prevent the food from thawing.
- Protect the floor under the refrigeration equipment from meltwater.
- You can prepare hot meals on a camping stove or outdoors on a grill.

Water

- Avoid consuming water so that the capacity of the sewer system is not exceeded.
- Prevent your water pipes and water meter from freezing. Monitor the temperature of the technical rooms.
- Monitor the operation of the hot-water tank so that the water temperature does not fall below 55°C permanently.
- It is safe to drink tap water during a power outage, unless the water has an unusual colour or smell.
- If necessary, the waterworks and the municipal health protection authority will provide information on matters relating to the quality of drinking water.
- Please note that you should be careful when running hot water during and after a power outage. Due to the power outage, hot tap water may sometimes be exceptionally hot.

Heating

If a power outage occurs in cold winter weather, your home will quickly cool down. It is important to stay warm.

- Have plenty of warm clothes and blankets at the ready.
- Eat well and get enough rest.
- A stove or fireplace and dry firewood are good sources of back-up heat.
- Close the windows and the interior doors to corridors etc., block any gaps and keep the front door closed.