

Rural Home Emergency Card

Tape this to the fridge. Fill in the blanks now — not during the emergency. From acreageguide.com

No water at the tap

- Power out too? Work the Power out section first — no power means no well pump.
- Check the well pump breaker. Tripped? Reset it once. If it trips again, call the well pro — don't keep resetting it.
- Read the pressure gauge by the tank. Sitting at zero with the power on? Call the well pro.
- Water sputtering or spitting air? The pressure tank may have lost its air charge.
- Still nothing? Call your well driller. Full step-by-step: acreageguide.com/well/no-water-triage/

Power out

- Whole house dark? Check the main breaker first, then check with a neighbor or your utility's outage map. Just you? Call an electrician.
- No power = no well pump. The pressure tank holds a few gallons — use water sparingly until power returns.
- Running a portable generator? Outside only, at least 20 feet from the house, exhaust pointed away. Never in the garage, basement, or on the porch.
- Septic still drains by gravity, but go easy: no laundry, short showers until the power's back.

Pipe burst / major leak

- Shut the main water valve first — its location is filled in below.
- Then kill power to the well pump at the breaker.
- Call the plumber. !!If water is near anything electrical, stay out and call the fire department.

Fill these in today

Well driller / service:	_____	Phone:	_____
Electrician:	_____	Phone:	_____
Plumber:	_____	Phone:	_____
Power company outage line:	_____	Account #:	_____
Homeowner's insurance:	_____	Policy #:	_____
Main water shutoff location:	_____		
Breaker panel location:	_____		
Septic tank & drainfield location:	_____	(never drive or park on it)	_____

Emergencies don't wait for business hours — neither should your phone list. Review this card once a year; update the numbers when contractors change.
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