EXTRA 2

BLACKOUT NIGHT FAMILY GUIDE

Fill it in once, so everyone at home knows what to do



Extra content for readers of Off-Grid Solar Power for When You're Not There

Before You Fill It In

This guide is for the people at home who did not build the system.

- Fill it in once, with your system in front of you and its blackout-night sheet from Chapter 13.
- Walk through it with them in daylight.
- Keep it next to a flashlight, where everyone can find it in the dark.
- Fill it in again when you add a load, a battery or a circuit (Chapter 14).

These pages are made to be laminated. Print them, fill them in with a permanent marker, then laminate them or slip them into clear sheet protectors: they stay readable by flashlight, year after year. Keep one blank copy to fill in again.

Keep track of it

☐ Filled in on: _____

☐ Walked through with: _____

☐ Kept in: _____

☐ Filled in again on: _____

General information, not professional advice. Follow the manuals of your parts and your local code, and call a licensed electrician where the book says so.

What Stays On

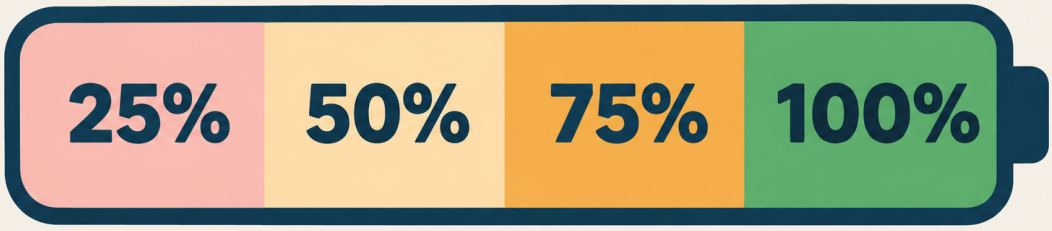


Also on: _____

Stays off, so the rest lasts longer: _____

About How Long

Our battery, at a glance



Full: about _____ hours

Check it every _____ hours

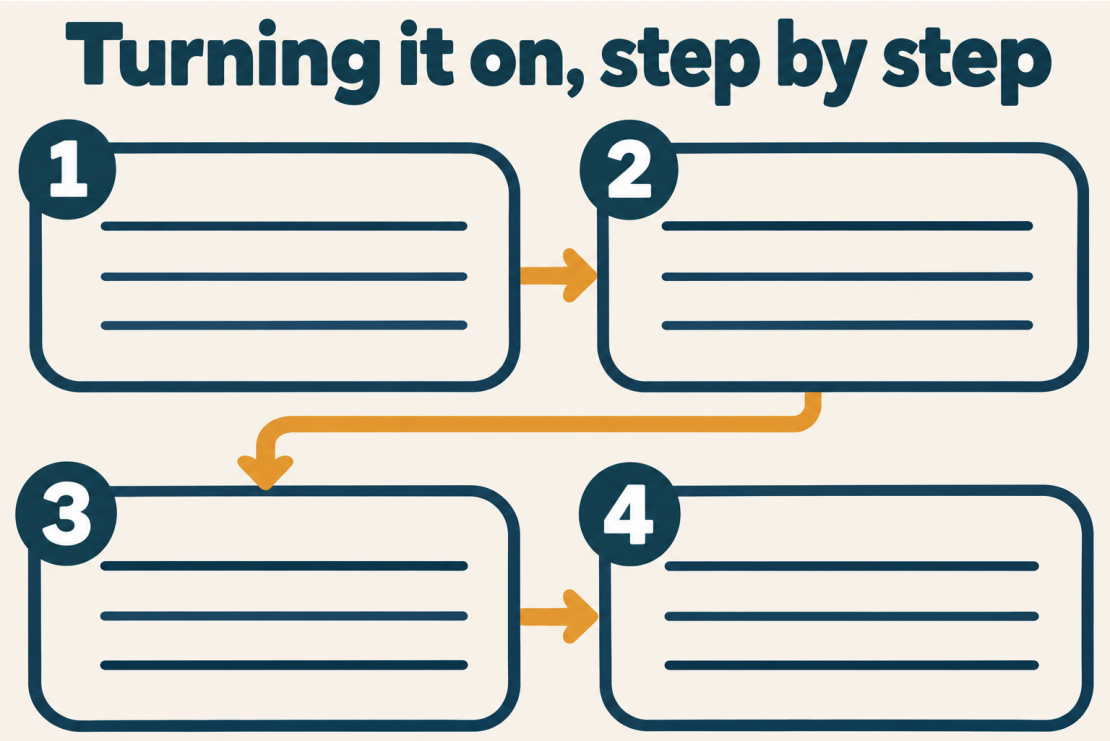
At _____%, switch off the loads below

If it runs long, switch off in this order:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Cold and cloudy days change these numbers.

How to Turn It On



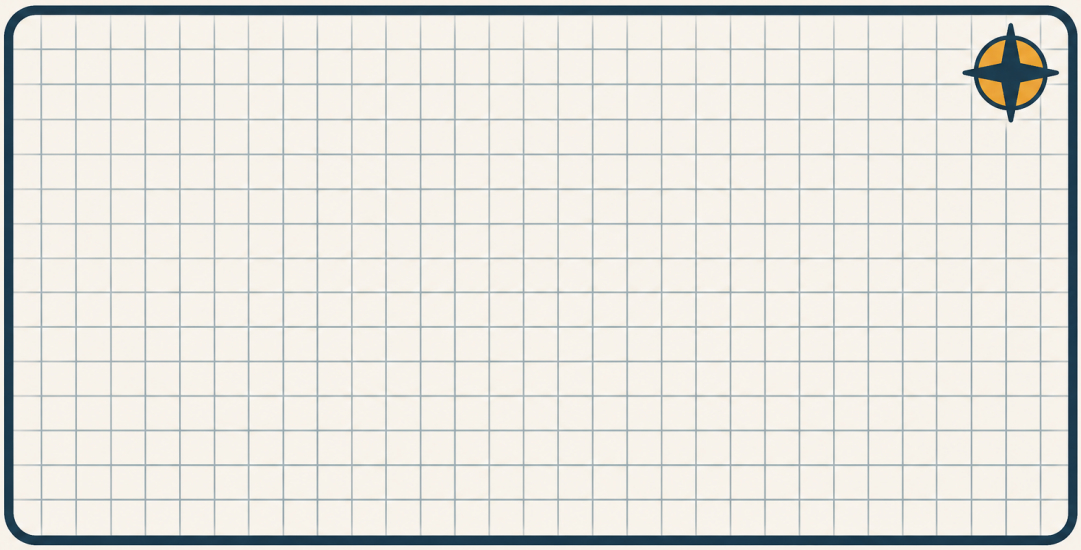
If it switches over by itself, write: “It switches by itself. We only check _____.”

The switch we use:

_____

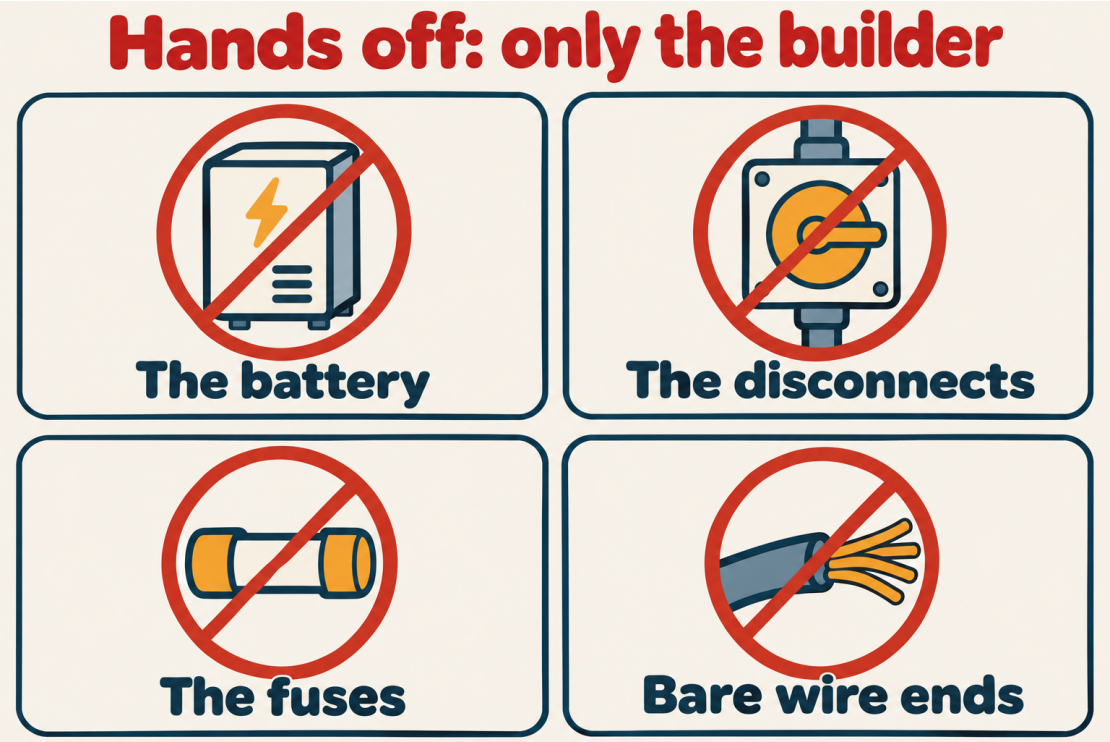
Where Everything Is

Draw our room here



B Battery D Disconnect S Switch X Way out

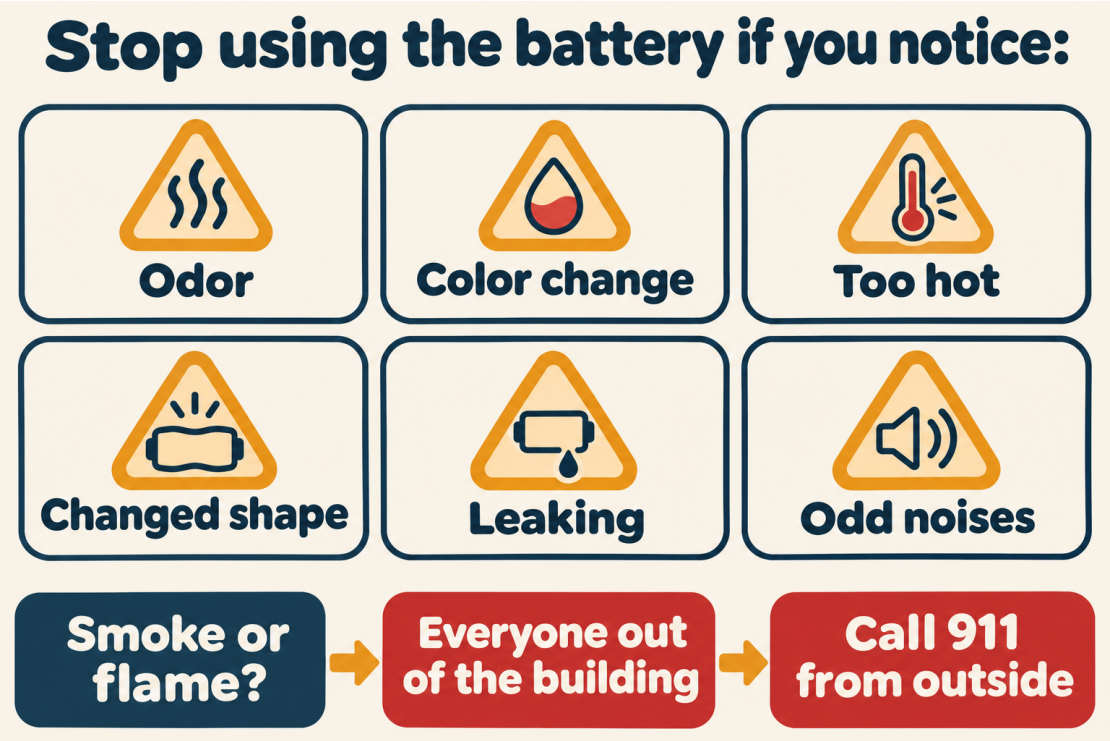
Never Touch



The only thing anyone else may switch:

_____

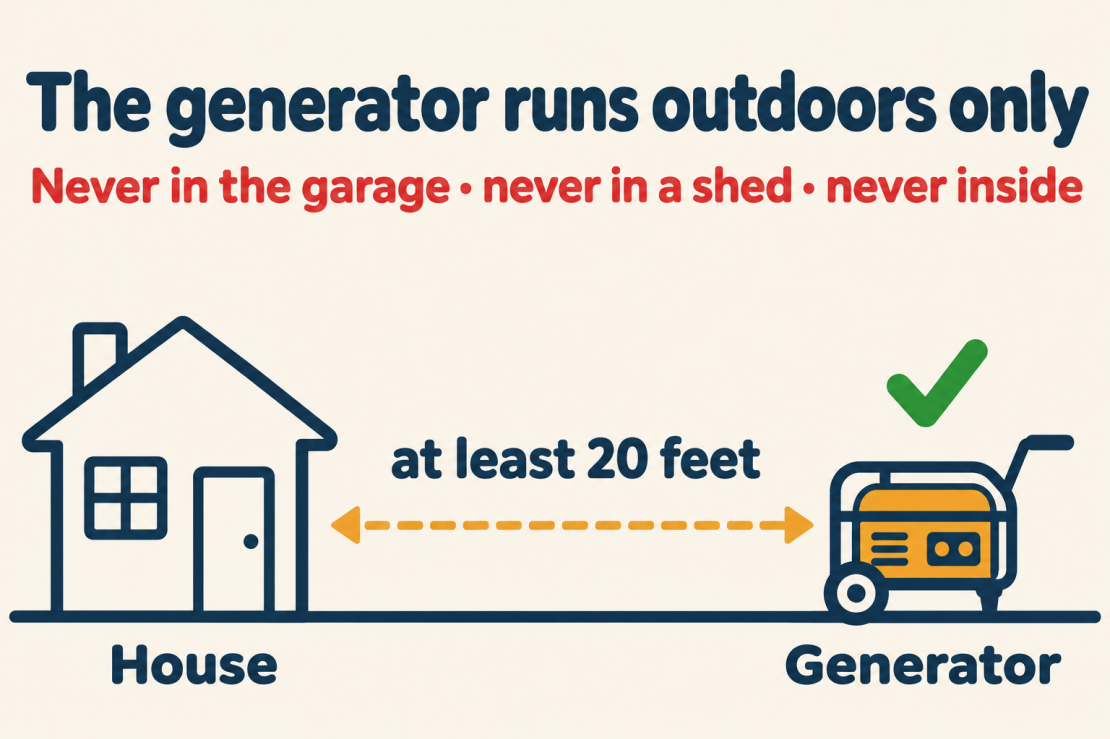
Smell, Heat or Smoke



Our meeting place outside:

_____

If We Use the Generator



Our generator sits:

_____

Our carbon monoxide alarm is in:

_____

Who to Call

911 **Smoke or flame from the system:**
everyone out, then call 911 from outside.

- **The person who built the system** _____
- **Electrician** _____
- **Power company outage line** _____
- **A neighbor who can help** _____
- **The battery maker's help line** _____

Other: _____