

Power Outage 08/27/2020

Last night, the lights flickered

warning us to take stock and ready shelf stable food for today.

The utility said it was unplanned in a neighboring town, but some were warned. We weren't.

There's a planned outage for us this afternoon with zero impact but expected repairs. I don't believe it.

So much for signing up for alerts.

I finally ordered the handcrank solar flashlights we will likely need.

So I went to bed and wondered if the CPAP and fan would go out,

but didn't sleep well. I wrote an email apologizing to loved ones for misdeeds

hoping the lesson might finally pierce my soul and I would find peace.

Instead, I flipped a switch this morning before prayers

preparing hot water for tea, grateful for power and light.

I realized that much of the world has no power, and wondered if I could avoid squandering mine.

What if we permanently lost power to our homes, though some have none,

or our unused brains and hearts, which some deny others have? Yet, we trust it won't go out.

We prepare for an emergency living on edge, fall back to complacency.

A flicker or blackout await at any time.