### Power

# In a Disaster

Backup power sources can alleviate some of the inconvenience caused by power outages and can help keep life running more smoothly. Every disaster does not include a power outage, but many do.

### Two of the most common forms of backup power are:

Gas-powered generator Rechargeable batteries

# **Gas generators – Provide instant power**

They require being refilled with gasoline on a regular basis. They can also be quite noisy, which may cause restrictions on where and when they can be used. Storing gasoline can be dangerous and is difficult to do long-term. However, it will be a valuable commodity in an emergency.

# Solar – Free Energy Source

A solar array works great when the sun is shining overhead! They are less efficient on a cloudy day. Have a rechargeable battery or power bank available to store the electrical energy. Another benefit of solar is its quiet operation.