

Dealing With Electric Grid Disruption

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Well, when considering what I wrote above as more of a “dealing with disaster” thread, I'd only want add that I keep important documents (either the originals or notarised copies) in a safe deposit box at a bank, which cannot open their safe nor the individual boxes without power. This way, a rogue bank employee who wants to taking advantage of “The cameras are out!” still needs considerable brute force.

Everything else is basically just an odd amalgamation of “camping for grown-ups” and military survival manuals (because they know what they're doing, and how to explain it; because if I ever need this, I won't want to leaf through verbose explanations artfully augmented by colourful illustrations, which expect me to have fancy equipment readily available; I'll want something minimal, because I cannot carry a heavy pack; I'll want to remember evasion, because I cannot physically defend myself well; I'll want something down to earth, that's been tried and tested).

I think it's important to keep in mind that, when done voluntarily and at one's own pace, preparing can be educational, crafty and creative. Preserving food in autumn – that's just another way of cooking. Mapping natural springs in the vicinity – that's just another way of going for a hike.

Realising that it isn't *preparing* that is bleak, dark and gloomy – rather, that it was *facing up to being unprepared* which made me so uncomfortable – was the key moment me 😊