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home or need special assistance. Then, if you need to report an emergency, AVFD will respond already knowing about your special needs. (See the list of websites on page 14 for more information.)

Neighborhood disaster groups

Representative Marsh encourages local neighborhoods to organize to prepare for disasters. If you don't have an organized local group, at least know who your closest neighbors are and if they might be able to help you in an emergency. If you are unable to walk to a neighbor's house, a good quality walkie-talkie could allow you to communicate.

Loss of power

Losing power is a particular problem in rural areas, as most of us depend on electric pumps to provide our water supplies. For people who depend on electric devices for health conditions, even a short outage could be disastrous. Generators are the traditional solution, but the smaller ones require some setup, and they all require constant fuel. Generators

that will power an entire house and start automatically could cost around \$10,000 installed.

There are also battery systems of all sizes, from cell-phone size to Tesla PowerWalls, which are literally the size of a wall. Larger batteries are most commonly paired with solar panels—whole-house systems can provide all your daytime electrical needs with solar panels and all your nighttime electrical needs with batteries. But these systems will cost tens of thousands of dollars. If you can define what electrical devices you *really* need, you may be able to use a much smaller and less expensive system. If you need a couple of hours of laptop use and a single lightbulb, you may be able to use a small portable solar panel and battery combination for around \$300. When you size your "must-have" electrical devices, you must size for the start-up wattage. For example, a refrigerator or freezer requires only around 180 watts for normal running but may require around 1,800 start-up watts. If you can't start it, you can't run it.

Telephone service

Telephone lines are usually lower on the utility poles, so landlines may continue to work even if a downed tree has disrupted power. Make sure you have at least one phone that plugs directly into a wall jack, as portable phones depend on their electric base station. Most cellular towers have backup generators, which is why cell service often continues even during a region-wide power outage. If you can't call, try texting, which requires only a minimal cellular connection. And if your cell provider's service is out, you still should be able to dial or text 911. To make sure your phone doesn't run out of charge during a long power outage, use a \$20-\$40 cell charger. Many of these come with solar panels on one side, so you can recharge the charger during a multiday outage.

If you *must* have telephone service and don't want to depend on landlines or cell service, you can invest in a satellite phone. A basic phone will start at \$300. There are less expensive adapters that will turn your cell phone into a satellite phone, but you *See EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, page 14.*

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