

Discussion Topics ESP

Power:

- Why are blackouts and brownouts predicted by the power company?
- sources of emergency power for extended blackouts
- Bigfork power plant (owned by PPL)

Food

- How do fuel prices affect food prices & availability?
- gardening
- stocking up/emergency supplies
- keeping food cold without refrigeration
- preserving food in absence of refrigeration

Heating & Cooking

- Will we all need a wood stove or fireplace?

Lighting

- What alternative fuels can be used in oil or kerosene lamps?
- Why will paraffin candles become scarce?
- candle-making without paraffin

Water

- What can I do when my well shuts off for lack of power?
- How do I water my lawn or garden if the water is off?
- hand pumping limitations
- Bigfork's county water: how long will it operate without commercial power; what to do when it shuts down.
- collecting, storing and conserving water
- fire fighting when water is in short supply

Sewer

- Bigfork's county sewer: how long will it operate without commercial power; what to do when it shuts down.
- Septic tank issues

Transportation

- ride-sharing; car pooling (especially if gas stations run dry)
- alternative transportation