

BE READY FOR SURPRISE POWER OUTAGES

A WORD TO THE WISE: think beyond historical trends and the good Old Farmer's Almanac. That's because between 2003 – 2012, more than 147 million customers were affected by weather-related power outages. And it's not just weather. These days, only one thing is predictable: power outages can happen at any time as the result of anything.

SMART MOVE: you invested in UPS equipment as a safeguard in the event of an outage.

SMARTER MOVE: take a few minutes to keep that equipment in peak protective form and provide longer service for your dollar.

Here's the first of three smart moves to make NOW.

#1 SMART MOVE: EXERCISE YOUR BATTERIES.

Every six months, throw your unit on "battery" for 5-10 minutes. This cleans off sulfites and makes sure your unit is ready when you need it. IF the unit can't hold the load, it's time to upgrade or replace the batteries. OR, even better, get the unit serviced. An old, compromised unit will wreck new batteries.

#2 SMART MOVE: REPLACE OUTDATED BATTERIES.

UPS batteries generally last about 3 to 5 years. Plan to change them around the 3-year mark. If your batteries are swollen however, don't just replace them, get your unit serviced. Swollen batteries are a sure sign your unit's charging circuit needs to be recalibrated. Just changing the battery will degrade your unit's life.

#3 SMART MOVE: UNPLUG "EXTRAS"

Open the closet and examine your UPS for anything plugged into your unit that shouldn't be. You may be surprised to find lots of dangling extras: printers, coffee pots, vacuums and cell phone chargers. Believe us, we've seen it all, and they are a drain on your unit. Unplug all unnecessary devices and cover any unused outlets with baby outlet protectors.

Final smart move? Give us a call to walk-through a health-check of your fleet and answer any questions you may have. It may surprise you that our folks are available personally, quickly and are genuinely happy to help.