
Subject: Power cuts affecting my stuff

Posted by [Gemmel](#) on Tue, 07 Feb 2017 02:13:08 GMT

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We had a series of scheduled power cuts in my area when they were busy building or fixing something - I don't know what - but now I think that they messed with my system. Is that even possible?

Subject: Re: Power cuts affecting my stuff

Posted by [cwemoy](#) on Tue, 07 Feb 2017 15:24:42 GMT

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I was always told that power cuts could easily burn some components but I am not sure how true this is. What kind of system are you talking about? Has it malfunctioned completely?

Subject: Re: Power cuts affecting my stuff

Posted by [Azuri](#) on Tue, 07 Feb 2017 18:18:35 GMT

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If the outages are scheduled, just unplug your system beforehand. Without more detail though it's hard to say if the outage affected your system or not.

Subject: Re: Power cuts affecting my stuff

Posted by [vhfspeaks](#) on Wed, 08 Feb 2017 13:14:23 GMT

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Power cuts can have a nasty effect, and the surge when the power came back on could have caused damage if you don't have a surge protector on your system. What problems are you finding?

Subject: Re: Power cuts affecting my stuff

Posted by [gofar99](#) on Wed, 08 Feb 2017 21:20:34 GMT

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Hi, What equipment seemed to be affected? Some things can be un-programmed, but most newer stuff is rather immune to problems with power failures and subsequent restoration. If you have really sensitive stuff then I would get an UPS for it. At the very least a good surge suppressor.

Subject: Re: Power cuts affecting my stuff
Posted by [Cortney](#) on Thu, 09 Feb 2017 00:54:00 GMT
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I think that the best advice you'll find here is to get a good surge protector. It's the only way to be really protected. Even if the outages are scheduled, what if you're not around to unplug anything?

Subject: Re: Power cuts affecting my stuff
Posted by [bcharlton](#) on Mon, 13 Feb 2017 05:49:06 GMT
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Cortney wrote on Wed, 08 February 2017 18:54I think that the best advice you'll find here is to get a good surge protector. It's the only way to be really protected. Even if the outages are scheduled, what if you're not around to unplug anything?
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Subject: Re: Power cuts affecting my stuff
Posted by [Hylo](#) on Fri, 17 Feb 2017 16:52:55 GMT
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bcharlton wrote on Sun, 12 February 2017 23:49
When I bought my current TV, the dealer told me that there was no need for a surge protector. However, I couldn't take the risk. Does a warranty cover such issues?I'd say that was a salesman who wants to make to make sure you buy another TV in a few years! If you have a full service warranty it might cover it, but warranties run out. Always use a surge protector.

Subject: Re: Power cuts affecting my stuff
Posted by [johnnycamp5](#) on Fri, 17 Feb 2017 20:50:55 GMT
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Ive got a foolish question, perhaps someone can help me understand.

All of my components are equipped with power (on/off) switches.
Can a power cut ruin electronics which are plugged in, but not powered on?

Or are we all assuming power cuts during use?

Subject: Re: Power cuts affecting my stuff
Posted by [vhfspeeks](#) on Sat, 18 Feb 2017 09:23:40 GMT
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It's not a foolish question. It depends on whether the device's power on/off switch actually cuts power to it, or just puts it in standby. Something in standby can still get fried by a power surge. A lot of smart TVs only have standby now, so they need to be off at the plug or surge-protected.
