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#### When the Sun Sets and the Grid Fails

You know that sinking feeling when storms knock out power during peak Netflix hours? Across the U.S., weather-related outages have jumped 78% since 2011 according to Climate Central. Solar panels alone can't solve this - ever tried charging a Powerwall during three cloudy days? That's where solar power with backup generator systems shine.

Take California's PSPS events (those controversial pre-emptive blackouts). Homeowners with hybrid systems kept lights on while neighbors scrambled for extension cords. "Our generator kicked in automatically when the solar batteries hit 30%," explains San Diego resident Mark T., whose system weathered 14 outages last winter.

#### Why Solar-Generator Combos Outperform Solo Systems

Here's the kicker: solar arrays reduce generator runtime by 60-80% compared to generator-only setups. Think of it like a relay race where solar runs the first lap. During Texas' 2023 ice storm, hybrid users reported:

- 72% lower fuel costs versus generator-only homes
- Continuous power through 96-hour grid failures
- Automatic switchovers in

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