

Emergency Preparedness Apps

Mobile applications have become more useful in keeping emergency preparedness information readily available to the public. Recently, the [U. S. Department of Energy](#) (DOE) released a new mobile preparedness app called "[Lantern Live](#)." The app helps consumers quickly find and share critical information about nearby gas stations and power outages during energy emergencies. "Lantern Live" allows users to:

- Report operational status of local gas stations;
- Find fuel;
- Look up local utility power outage maps; and
- Access useful disaster tips.

The DOE says future versions and updates of "Lantern Live" are likely to include the ability to crowdsource information on the status of gas stations through standardized social media hashtags.

"Lantern Live" is currently free to download for Android users via [Google Play](#).

Looking for more preparedness apps? Keep disaster information at your fingertips with mobile apps from [FEMA](#) and the [American Red Cross](#).