

# One Week, One Prep – Week 5

# **Cooking Without Power**

## Why This Week Matters:

Being able to cook during a blackout keeps your family safe, fed, and calm.

# **Beginner Action Points:**

- Buy one emergency cooking method (camping stove or similar).
- Get three fuel canisters or enough for one week.
- Buy a manual can opener.
- Stock five easy shelf-stable meals.
- Cook one full meal this week using no mains electricity or gas.

#### Advanced Action Points:

- Own two different cooking methods (e.g., camping stove + rocket stove).
- Stock one month's worth of fuel.
- Build or purchase a **rocket stove** for long-term resilience.
- Add a **solar oven or kettle** as a free-energy backup.
- Cook two meals back-to-back using only stored fuel and food.

### Safety Reminder:

- Never use gas or charcoal stoves indoors carbon monoxide kills silently.
- Store fuels in a cool, dry place away from flames and children.
- Keep a fire extinguisher nearby.
- Have a working carbon monoxide detector if using gas indoors for heating.