

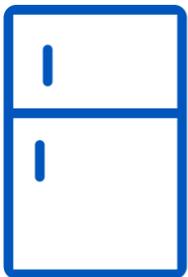
STORM PREPARATION

High winds from severe storms and lightning strikes can cause lines to cross and short out or break, thereby interrupting the flow of electricity. It is important to be prepared for those rare instances, especially because we live in a rural area. Keep enough supplies in your home to meet your needs for at least three days. With some planning, you can remain safe and minimize your inconvenience.



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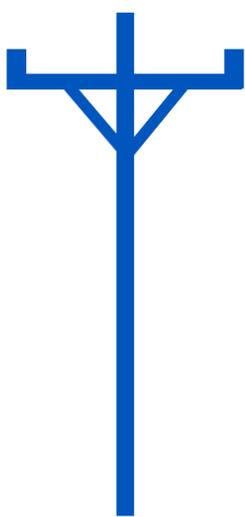
- Charge your cell phone.
- Keep an emergency supply kit stocked with flashlights and plenty of fresh batteries.
- Have a backup power source for medical equipment that requires electricity.
- Have a stock of food that requires no cooking or refrigeration.
- Have at least 3 gallons of water



INDOOR SAFETY

- Turn off electronic equipment and appliances that were on before the power was lost.
- Keep the refrigerator and freezer doors closed- food will stay fresh up to 8 hours.

Protect sensitive electrical equipment by installing power protection devices.



OUTDOOR SAFETY

- Stay away from downed power lines. **NEVER TOUCH THEM.** If you see a downed line or other damaged equipment, call 911 right away.
- **NEVER** try to remove tree limbs or other debris that may have contact with downed lines or other electrical equipment.
- If a power line comes into contact with your vehicle, remain inside the vehicle until help arrives. **DO NOT** attempt to get out of the vehicle- that is the safest place for you to be. By stepping out of the vehicle, your body can become the pathway for electricity to reach the ground, causing severe bodily harm and possibly electrocution. Use a cell phone if available, to notify emergency.