

Preparing for an outage

Before the Storm



PREPARATIONS/ SAFETY PROCEDURES:

- Stay tuned to local radio and TV stations for news about watches, warnings and information from your local electric cooperative.
- Have your storm supply kit ready to go.
- Fill bathtubs with extra water.
- Plan an evacuation route if necessary. Contact local authorities for information about evacuation routes and shelters. Leave early. Always let someone out of state know what your evacuation plans are.
- Create an inventory of items in your house. Videotape or take pictures of your home.
- Adjust the temperature of your refrigerator and freezer to their coldest settings to keep your food fresh longer in case you lose power.
- If it looks as though water may enter your home, it's a good idea to open the main breaker in your electrical breaker box in order to cut off power.
- Gather insurance information and check into flood insurance.
- Unplug appliances and electronic equipment.
- Turn off electricity and main water valve.
- If you have a swimming pool, turn off all pumps and filters.
- Cover windows.
- Bring outdoor furniture inside.
- Fasten boats securely.
- Elevate furniture to minimize damage in case of flooding.
- Lock your home.



THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT GETTING YOUR STORM SUPPLY KIT ITEMS

WATER – At least one gallon daily per person for three to seven days

Food – enough for each person for three to seven days

Non-perishable packaged or canned food and juices

Food for infants or the elderly

Non-electric can opener

Cooking tools/fuel

Paper plates/plastic utensils

Blankets/pillows, etc.

Clothing – Seasonal, rain gear, sturdy shoes

First aid kit complete with prescription drugs
sturdy shoes

Flashlight/batteries

Radio – Battery-operated NOAA weather

Toiletries

Cash – Banks and ATMs may not be open after the storm

Keys

Important documents – Including insurance, medical records, bank account numbers, social security cards, etc. Make sure these items are stored in a waterproof container.

Tools

Full tanks of gas in vehicles

Toys, books and games