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## **Central Electric Prepares for Hurricane Francine**

As Hurricane Francine approaches, Central Electric Power Association has activated its emergency response plan and is taking necessary steps to ensure we are prepared for potential impacts. Our team is fully ready to respond to any outages once it is safe to do so. Restoration efforts will not begin until damage assessments have been made and weather conditions allow for the safe deployment of our crews.

We strongly encourage members who rely on life-saving medical devices to have a backup plan in place, as we cannot guarantee uninterrupted power throughout the storm. Safety is our priority, and we are urging all members to take precautions.

If you are using a generator, do NOT plug it directly into your home's wiring. Doing so can create dangerous backfeed and pose a risk to our linemen. Also, please stay away from downed power lines.

To report an outage, please visit [www.centralepa.com](http://www.centralepa.com) and click on Report an Outage or call (601) 267-3043.

We are committed to working swiftly to restore power once conditions are safe and damage assessments have been completed. We thank our members for their cooperation and patience as we navigate Hurricane Francine together.

Please visit [www.centralepa.com](http://www.centralepa.com) or tune in to your local radio station for outage information.

Central Electric Power Association serves over 36,000 accounts in a seven-county area in central Mississippi, including Attala, Kemper, Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Rankin and Scott counties.