

MAKE A PLAN FOR SAFETY

WEATHER-RELATED OUTAGE AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Knowing what to do is the first step to being ready. Follow this checklist to help you prepare for weather-related outages and other emergencies.

PLAN AHEAD

- ☐ **Create a family emergency plan**
Include evacuation routes, meeting points and emergency contacts.
- ☐ **Practice your plan**
Review and rehearse it with your household regularly.
- ☐ **Build an emergency kit**
Include water, nonperishable food, flashlight, batteries and first-aid supplies.
- ☐ **Plan for medical needs**
Have a backup plan for refrigerated medications and medical devices that rely on electricity.
- ☐ **Protect electronics**
Use surge protectors to safeguard your devices.
- ☐ **Prepare your home and yard**
Secure outdoor items and check for hazards near power lines.

DURING AN OUTAGE OR EMERGENCY

- ☐ **Stay informed**
Monitor local news and weather alerts.
- ☐ **Use generators safely**
Operate outdoors and away from windows. Never use indoors.
- ☐ **Conserve battery power**
Use flashlights instead of candles and limit phone use.

STAY CONNECTED

- ☐ **Update your contact info**
Make sure we can reach you with alerts and updates.
- ☐ **Report outages**
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