

# STORM PREPAREDNESS GUIDE

Follow this checklist *before* a storm hits



- Pay close attention to weather advisories and storm warnings.



- Keep a flashlight and fresh batteries handy.



- Refuel vehicles and ensure they are in good working condition.

- Have a phone that does not require an electric outlet to operate. Charge cell phones or have a car cell phone charger.

- Stock water and packaged or canned foods that do not require refrigeration or cooking. Be sure to have a non-electric can opener.



- Have a battery-powered radio to keep informed of restoration efforts.



- Ensure adequate supplies of medications, cash & other necessities.



- Have a plan to check on vulnerable neighbors and family members.

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## GENERATORS

Back-up generators require proper, professional installation. Never plug a generator into any electric outlet in your home. A wrong connection could feed electricity back through the lines and endanger the lives of our repair crews. Check local ordinances to see if you need a special permit and inspection.

Follow these safety tips when using a portable home generator:

- Read all manufacturer's instructions.
- Follow instructions on properly "grounding" the generator.
- Don't exceed the manufacturer's rating for total electric load.
- Generators produce carbon monoxide, so your generator should never be operated in an enclosed building. Locate it outdoors in a dry area.
- Turn the generator off to refuel, and store fuel in a properly designed container.
- Use only UL-listed, three-prong extension cords.
- Keep cords out of the way, and don't run them under rugs or carpets.



- » Stay at least 30 feet away from downed power lines, and lines that may be entangled and hidden in fallen trees. **Assume a downed line is live.**
- » Avoid using candles for illumination.
- » Never use outdoor gas or charcoal grills indoors, as they pose a fire hazard and, over time, can give off deadly carbon monoxide gas. Use these appliances outdoors only, with proper ventilation. Operate motor vehicles outdoors only, and never in the garage.

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