



WE'RE Prepared

Winter weather is on the way. Winter storms bring ice, snow and winds. It's important that you are prepared for winter weather.

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Be prepared.

North Carolina Public Power communities are ready to respond during all types of outages. Local crews stay on alert when forecasts call for severe weather. Also, all NC Public Power communities participate in the Emergency Assistance Program. The Emergency Assistance Program coordinates with all public power communities experiencing outages and dispatches crews from other parts of the state to help restore power. Through programs such as the Emergency Assistance Program, NC Public Power communities can restore power faster than other electric providers.

Planning ahead is important in keeping your family safe during a winter storm. Below is a list of items to have on hand before a storm strikes:

- Stock up on non-perishable food, medicine, baby supplies and pet food.
- Purchase bottled water; 1 gallon of water per person per day.
- Gather emergency supplies, such as flashlights, battery-operated radios, extension cords, emergency generators and blankets. Purchase extra batteries.

Safety Tips

- Watch for downed wires. Stay back and consider all lines energized.
- If a family member uses life-sustaining medical equipment, develop an emergency plan for generating power or plan to relocate.
- Check for electrical damage inside your home, such as frayed wires, sparks or the smell of burning insulation. If you find damage to your meter box or weather head, don't turn your power on until an electrician inspects your system and makes necessary repairs.
- Do not connect a generator directly to your home's electrical system. It is dangerous to you, your neighbors and utility workers. Follow manufacturer's directions regarding connecting appliances directly to your generator. Use a generator only in a well-ventilated area.

Visit Storm Central at
[www.ncpublicpower.com/
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severe weather tips.

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