



**PLUG INTO
SAFETY**

WEATHERING THE STORM

TIPS FOR STAYING SAFE BEFORE AND AFTER A STORM HITS.

BEFORE THE STORM

Keep your phone charged and consider getting an external battery so your phone can charge without electricity.

Have a battery-operated radio for weather updates.

Unplug appliances and other electrical items. Damage can occur from power surges as a result of nearby lightning strikes.

Prepare an emergency kit and create a family communication plan.

If someone in your home uses a life-sustaining medical device that requires electricity, alert your electric cooperative now. Plan to have a battery or emergency generation on hand before an outage occurs.

AFTER THE STORM

If you see fallen power lines while driving, turn around—**never drive over them.**

If a power line falls on your vehicle, stay inside, call 911, and exit only if your life is in immediate danger from a fire or other reason. Then, jump clear of your vehicle being certain to never touch the vehicle and the ground at the same time; then shuffle away keeping your feet together at all times.

While checking for damage outside your home, **watch for hazards from exposed nails, broken glass, and broken tree branches** dangling on other limbs.

Use flashlights, not candles, to inspect your home during a power outage to prevent fire risks.

Don't touch downed power lines or anything in contact with them. Call 911 to report them, as they could still be energized.