



Weather Update - A dynamic storm system will approach tomorrow, and rain will develop by late morning. The rain will become heavy at times for the afternoon, accompanied by a rumble of thunder. In addition to the heavy rain, winds will increase to 20-25 mph, and will gust upwards of 40 mph across much of the area. This may cause downed trees and wires that could lead to power outages. Please make sure you are prepared. Gas for your generator/ car. Ice for your refrigerator, batteries for your flashlight etc...

If power lines do go down by you please consider the following-
Downed Power Lines

Always make sure to stay as far away as possible from downed wires and trees that might have wires caught in them.

Report any downed wire you may see by calling us or local emergency personnel. Stay as far away as possible of all fallen tree limbs and electrical wires, as well as anything they are touching - such as puddles and metal fences. Assume all downed wires are "live" and stay away.

If you're in a vehicle and downed wires are on the car or across the road, stay in your car until emergency crews arrive to handle the energized wires. It is safe to use a cell phone while inside your car.

Don't drive over downed lines, and if a downed line is in or near water, keep your distance from the water, even a little puddle.

Generators

Follow these safety guidelines to ensure everyone's safety:

Never install a generator inside a home or in any other enclosed space—even if windows are wide open.

Generator exhaust contains carbon monoxide, a poison you cannot see or smell. Using a generator indoors can kill you within minutes.

Locate a generator well away from your home, making sure exhaust cannot easily enter in through windows or doorways.

Never try to power your house by plugging a portable generator into a household outlet.

This can feed electricity back into the power lines—enough to electrocute a line worker or a neighbor on the same circuit.

The safe way to connect a generator to your existing wiring is to have a licensed electrical contractor install a transfer switch. When improperly installed, home generators of any size - even small ones - can backfeed enough power onto the electrical grid where it is "stepped up" to very high voltages.

I will provide add'l information tomorrow if needed.