



Electricity Disaster Preparedness & You!



T&TEC recommends that citizens prepare for a disaster by following these tips to help reduce the potential for damage, injury and inconvenience before and after a disaster.

Before

- Unplug all appliances, computers and lamps and disconnect cables from antennas, satellite dishes or cable boxes.
- Have a back-up plan for persons who depend on life support equipment that use electricity.
- If you plan to evacuate, shut off your electricity at the main panel.
- Electricity can travel through water so move your water heater, pumps and other major appliances to higher ground if possible.
- Do not insert or remove plugs with wet hands.

- Ensure emergency lighting systems are fully charged.
- Keep a stock of batteries, candles or other safe light sources in case of loss of power.

After

- Do not stand on wet floors to operate electrical appliances or equipment.
- Check your home for electrical damage, such as frayed wires, fallen lines, sparks or the smell of hot or burned insulation.
- Stay clear of fallen power lines. Never attempt to move it. The line could still be energized and dangerous. Call T&TEC for assistance.
- When power is restored, walk around your home or workplace to ensure all appliances and electronics are functioning properly.

General

- Do not tie animals unto electricity poles or guide wires.

