



**PLUG INTO
SAFETY**

ELECTRICITY AND WATER DON'T MIX

HAS YOUR HOME OR BASEMENT BEEN FLOODED? DON'T BEGIN CLEANING UP UNTIL AFTER THE POWER HAS BEEN DISCONNECTED.

BEFORE THE FLOOD

If you live in a flood-prone area:

- Keep an emergency kit of batteries, medications, etc., ready if you must leave immediately, or if services are cut off.
- Keep important documents in a waterproof container. Create password-protected digital copies.
- If your basement requires a sump pump, install a backup pump that uses a battery and sounds an alarm in case the main pump fails or the electricity is out for an extended time.

If flooding is forecast or imminent:

- Move electrical appliances and devices out of your home or to an area in the house above the expected level of flood water.
- Follow any directives to turn off utilities. To switch off the main power to your home, flip

each breaker off first, and THEN turn off the main breaker. You may also need to shut off the main valve for your home's gas and water.

AFTER A FLOOD

- If you've had to evacuate, do not enter a flooded area until it has been determined safe to do so by a first responder or other authority.
- Once you return home, do not touch a circuit breaker or replace a fuse with wet hands or while standing on a wet surface.
- If your home experienced flooding, keep the power off until an electrician has inspected your system for safety.
- Have an electrician inspect electrical appliances that have been wet, and do not turn on or plug in appliances unless an electrician tells you it is safe. Most wet appliances will require replacement.