



**PLUG INTO
SAFETY**

PREPARING FOR WINTER STORMS

WHEN WINTER STORMS STRIKE, POWER OUTAGES CAN HAPPEN. PREPARE FOR WINTER STORMS BEFORE THEY HIT.

Keep a storm preparedness kit fully stocked. The basic supplies in this kit should include:

- Bottled water
- Non-perishable food
- Emergency blankets
- First aid kit/medicine
- Flashlight
- Battery-operated or hand-crank radio
- Extra batteries
- Toiletries

If the lights go out, keep warm air in and cool air out by not opening doors to unused rooms. Do not open doors to the outdoors unless necessary.

Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible, and eat perishable food first. Stock up on ice so you can keep things in coolers to keep them from going bad. If the refrigerator reaches 40 degrees Fahrenheit, foods can become unsafe to eat.

Turn off and unplug all unnecessary electronics or appliances. This will keep equipment from being damaged by surges or spikes when the power returns.

Once an outage is over, there are still safety precautions to take. Power lines could still be down. If you see downed power lines, do not touch them. Call your local electric cooperative or 911 for assistance.