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DON'T WAIT. Be prepared before the storm.

It's your worst-case scenario. A major storm was predicted and this time, the predictions were right. Many power lines are down, and your electricity may be out for several days. You are low on everything — food, pet supplies, toilet paper, batteries, diapers and your medication.

Imagine how you would feel in this situation. While you can't predict which weather forecast will come true, you can plan ahead so when a severe weather event strikes, you have the tools and resources to effectively weather the storm. The Department of Homeland Security offers several resources at www.ready.gov/make-a-plan to help you prepare for major weather events and natural disasters.

■ With advance warning

If a severe storm such as a hurricane is expected with high winds and sustained rain, you may need to take extra steps to safeguard your home. Shutter windows and securely close exterior doors. Fully charge all cell phones, laptops and devices so you have maximum power in the event of a power outage. If you plan to use a small generator, make sure it's rated to handle the amount of power you will need, and always review the manufacturer's instructions to operate it safely.

■ During a prolonged outage

In the event of an outage, turn off appliances, TVs, computers and other sensitive electronics. This will help avert damage from a power surge and will also help prevent overloading the circuits during power restoration. That said, do leave one light on so you will know when power is restored. If utilizing a small household generator, consider using LED holiday lights to illuminate a living area. A strand of 100 white lights draws little energy yet produces considerable light. Solar lights also work, if they can

receive some sunlight during the day for charging.

During thunderstorms, the American Red Cross recommends avoiding electrical equipment and land-based telephones. Use battery-powered TVs and radios instead. Keep away from windows. Listen to local news or NOAA Weather Radio for emergency updates.

After the storm, avoid downed power lines and walking through flooded areas where power lines could be submerged. Allow ample room for utility crews to safely perform their jobs — including on your property.

■ Power in planning

Advance planning for severe storms or other emergencies can reduce stress and anxiety caused by the weather event and can lessen the impact of the storm's effects. Have an emergency preparedness kit handy for you and your family. Visit www.weather.gov/ama/severesafetyplan for more information on how you can plan to stay safe during extreme weather events. Act today, because there is power in planning.

PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS AND ITEMS

Stock your pantry with a three-day supply of non-perishable food, such as canned goods, energy bars, peanut butter, powdered milk, instant coffee, water and other essentials (i.e., diapers and toiletries).

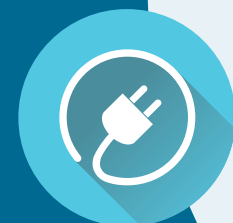
Confirm that you have adequate sanitation and hygiene supplies including towelettes, soap and hand sanitizer.

Ensure your First Aid kit is stocked with pain relievers, bandages and other medical essentials, and make sure your prescriptions are current.

Set aside basic household items you will need, including flashlights, batteries, a manual can opener and portable, battery-powered radio or TV.

Organize emergency supplies so they are together in an easily accessible location.

TIP of the Month



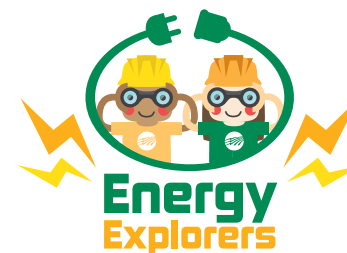
Cookware Efficiency Tip:
Copper-bottomed pans heat faster on the stove. In the oven, ceramic and glass dishes are better than metal. With ceramic and glass dishes, you can turn the oven down about 25 degrees, and your meal will cook just as quickly.

Are you a high school junior served by Central Electric?

Make this year memorable by participating in the 2020 Leadership Workshop in Jackson, Miss., and the Youth Tour of Washington, D.C.



Look for the Youth Leadership application in October's issue of Today in Mississippi.



APPLIANCE WORD SEARCH

Did you know major appliances account for a large portion of your home's energy use?

Circle the names of all major appliances in the puzzle below. Use the word bank for clues!

R E T A E H R E T A W H C E R
D I S H W A S H E R E X N C E
M T N C O R B O C A I I L P F
I V X E H U D P T U H O Y D R
C K G L V H K E H C T H A K I
R S X T R O R V A H C Q A D G
O I T J Z G T M E H U M J W E
W H P J W E G S K Z G V M N R
A I R C O N D I T I O N E R A
V O N V I R Z A Q C N Q I Q T
E C M H Y E V O T S I F D N O
Y N S E Y H N L L E X F N V R
J A R Y N S N I U Y Y T S S K
W O Y G Z L X X X I H R C L F
P Q I I Z N S H D Y X N G L C

REFRIGERATOR DISHWASHER AIR CONDITIONER STOVE
WASHING MACHINE MICROWAVE HEATER WATER HEATER
CLOTHES DRYER OVEN

WORD BANK



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Please call your local Central EPA office and verify/update your telephone number you are most likely to call from when reporting an outage, including cell phone numbers.

These numbers will be used by the automated outage reporting system to quickly locate your account and more quickly address your power outage!

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