POWER OUTAGE
SAFETY TIPS

BEFORE THE STORM
• Stay informed and tuned into local media channels.
• Check flashlights and keep them accessible.
• Keep all cellphones fully charged.
• Practice opening and closing your garage door manually.
• Have a plan to keep medications and perishable foods cold.
• Have a full tank of gas or full charge on your electric vehicle.

DURING THE POWER OUTAGE
• Conserve energy.
• Unplug appliances and electronics to avoid a surge when the power returns.
• Keep fridge and freezer doors closed as much as possible.
• Never use a generator or other gasoline, propane, natural gas, or charcoal-burning devices indoors.
• Choose to text over calling to preserve your phone battery.
• Do not leave cars on in closed garages.

WHEN THE POWER RETURNS
• Do not touch downed powerlines.
• Dispose of any perishable food or medication that required refrigeration. When in doubt, throw it out.
• Wait 10–15 minutes for your electrical system to stabilize before reconnecting all appliances and electronics.

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