The Electrical Safety Foundation International offers guidance for homeowners on how they can keep themselves, their families, and their property safe during storms and other events that can disrupt normal power service.

- Before the storm hits, make sure to charge all phones and other communication devices.
- After the storm it's important to avoid flooded areas as they may be electrified.
- When venturing outside, be very alert of your surroundings.
- If you encounter a fallen power line, stay at least 35 feet away and call 311.
- Always assume all downed lines are LIVE.
- Downed power lines can be deadly. Do not approach downed power lines or anything near them or touching.
- Downed power lines can energize the ground up to 35 feet away – even more in wet conditions.
- Never drive over downed power lines or anything in contact with them. Call 311.
- Never try to touch or move a downed power line. Call 311.
- If a vehicle contacts a power line or utility pole, stay away and call 311.
- If you are in a vehicle that contacts a power line or utility pole, stay in place or inside your vehicle unless you see fire or smoke.
- Avoid touching any objects the line may be laying on such as a fence, a car, or a light pole as the object could be energized.
- If others are around, alert them to stay away and call 311.
- If flooding has occurred, have the electrical system inspected by a qualified electrical inspector.
- Do not use any electrical equipment or electronics if they’ve been submerged.