

## POWER OUTAGE

- ◆ Turn off the TV & computer to prevent damage when the power comes back on. Consider leaving a light to alert you when power is restored.
- ◆ Move items closer together in the refrigerator to slow warming during a long term outage.
- ◆ If the outage is a lengthy one eat perishable foods first. Then use foods from the freezer, and then canned or packaged goods with a long shelf life.
- ◆ Do not open the refrigerator or freezer unless necessary. In general if food in the refrigerator gets above 40 F, throw them out to prevent food related illnesses.
- ◆ Secure “survival candles” so they will not tip over and start a fire

## GENERATOR SAFETY

◆Generators, if not properly installed, can cause harm to electrical power restoration crews, emergency personnel and the general public. It is critical that your generator be totally connected within the electrical system of your home. This means that it has to be completely isolated from your power service provider’s transmission and distribution system. If not, your electricity could travel through your service panel and energize wires from the street. Improperly installed generators can cause life threatening situations for the power crews.

- ◆ It is also very important that your generator operate outside your home to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning.
- ◆ If you are using a standby generator, plug appliances directly into the generator. Do not attempt to energize them through your household wiring.
- ◆ If you plan to install a standby generator, have a licensed electrician install it and have it inspected. You must use proper devices to isolate your wiring from your service provider. Double check your generator to see what it is energizing. If you accidentally energize your service provider’s equipment, disconnect the generator and notify them immediately.
- ◆ Also, know the rated voltage of the appliances and how much electrical load your generator can carry. Never exceed the maximum load.

**◆ If you experience an outage or need to report damaged or downed lines you can call the following:  
A & N Electric Cooperative (ANEC) 800-431-2632 or 757-787-9750,.**

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