

SUMMER STORM SAFETY

- LIGHTNING ASSOCIATED WITH THUNDERSTORMS GENERATES A VARIETY OF FIRE HAZARDS. THE POWER OF LIGHTNING'S ELECTRICAL CHARGE AND INTENSE HEAT CAN ELECTROCUTE ON CONTACT, SPLITTING TREES AND CAUSING FIRES.
- POOLS OF WATER AND EVEN APPLIANCES CAN BE ELECTRICALLY CHARGED.
- APPLIANCES THAT HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO WATER CAN SHORT AND BECOME A FIRE HAZARD.
- GENERATORS ARE OFTEN USED DURING POWER OUTAGES. GENERATORS THAT ARE NOT PROPERLY USED AND MAINTAINED CAN BE VERY HAZARDOUS.
- LOOK FOR COMBUSTIBLE LIQUIDS LIKE GASOLINE, LIGHTER FLUID, AND PAINT THINNER THAT MAY HAVE SPILLED. THOROUGHLY CLEAN THE SPILL AND PLACE CONTAINERS IN A WELL-VENTILATED AREA.
- IF YOUR HOME HAS SUSTAINED FLOOD OR WATER DAMAGE, AND YOU CAN SAFELY GET TO THE MAIN BREAKER OR FUSE BOX, TURN OFF THE POWER.
- ASSUME ALL WIRES ON THE GROUND ARE ELECTRICALLY CHARGED. THIS INCLUDES CABLE TV FEEDS.
- BE AWARE OF AND AVOID DOWNED UTILITY LINES. REPORT DOWNED OR DAMAGED POWER LINES TO THE UTILITY COMPANY OR EMERGENCY SERVICES.
- REMOVE STANDING WATER, WET CARPETS AND FURNISHINGS. AIR DRY YOUR HOME WITH GOOD VENTILATION BEFORE RESTORING POWER.
- HAVE A LICENSED ELECTRICIAN CHECK YOUR HOME FOR DAMAGE.
- BE CAREFUL WHEN USING CANDLES. KEEP THE FLAME AWAY FROM COMBUSTIBLE OBJECTS AND OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.
- SOME SMOKE ALARMS MAY BE DEPENDENT ON YOUR HOME'S ELECTRICAL SERVICE AND COULD BE INOPERATIVE DURING A POWER OUTAGE.
- IF THERE IS A FIRE HYDRANT NEAR YOUR HOME, KEEP IT CLEAR OF DEBRIS FOR EASY ACCESS BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

BE FIRE SAFE

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