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STORM READINESS GUIDE:

Electrical Safety Tips for Your Home

Stay Safe. Stay Powered. Stay Ready.

When storms hit, power outages and electrical hazards are often the first challenges homeowners face. A little preparation goes a long way in keeping your family safe and your home protected. Use this guide from **Bell Tower Electric** to check your home's storm readiness and reduce risks before bad weather strikes.



Backup Power

- Test your generator every few months to make sure it starts easily and runs smoothly.
- Check fuel levels and store extra safely (gasoline can degrade over time).
- Have a transfer switch installed so you can safely connect your generator without risking backfeed or damaging your home's wiring.



Tip: If you don't have a generator yet, ask us about whole-home or portable generator options that fit your power needs.



Surge Protection

- Unplug sensitive electronics like computers, TVs, and smart home devices.
- Use surge protectors (not just power strips) to protect your appliances and electronics
- Consider a whole-home surge protector, which your electrician can install directly at your main panel.



Tip: A single surge event can destroy expensive appliances. Whole-home surge protection is your best insurance.



Keep Devices Charged

- Fully charge your phones, power banks, and flashlights before the storm hits.
- Keep a car charger on hand for emergencies.
- For longer outages, consider a solar charger or power station to stay connected.



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Emergency Lighting

- Stock up on flashlights, lanterns, and headlamps—avoid open-flame candles, which can be dangerous.
- Keep extra batteries in a dry, easy-to-find place.
- Install a few battery backup lights in key rooms (kitchen, hallways, bathrooms).



Electrical Safety

- Locate your main breaker so you can quickly shut off power if there's flooding or visible damage.
- Stay clear of standing water near outlets or electrical panels.
- Avoid DIY fixes. Electricity and water don't mix—call a licensed electrician if anything seems unsafe.



Tip: Bell Tower Electric offers fast response times for storm-related inspections and repairs. **Call us: 919.630.3532**



Secure Outdoor Equipment

- Bring in extension cords, tools, and outdoor lighting that could be damaged or pose safety risks.
- Make sure outdoor outlets are weatherproof and covered.
- If you have landscape lighting, pool systems, or EV chargers, check that all connections are properly sealed.


After the Storm

- Inspect your property for downed lines or damaged panels—never touch fallen wires.
- Watch for flickering lights, tripped breakers, or burning smells.
- Schedule a post-storm electrical inspection to make sure your system is still safe and sound.



Need Help Getting Storm-Ready?

Bell Tower Electric can inspect your electrical system, install surge protection, or help you choose the right backup power setup before the next storm hits.

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