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# CO-OP CURRENT



## Prepare for Upcoming Spring Storms

Weather disasters can occur year-round, but most of the worst storms Indiana receives come in the spring. While not all damage can be prevented, being prepared can minimize damage, and reduce injury, or prevent death.

Here are some tips for staying safe before and after a storm hits.

### Before the Storm

- Stay informed about the weather. Being aware of the current weather conditions helps you anticipate potential challenges and plan accordingly. This proactive approach is crucial for preparing for extended power outages.
- Be ready for various types of storms, as each presents unique risks that can result in power disruptions. Lightning storms may cause damage to appliances due to power surges from strikes. Wind storms have the potential to knock down tree branches and debris outside of our right-of-ways onto power lines. Ensure your home is well prepared to handle any outage scenario.
- If you rely on medical equipment or have medications that require specific temperature conditions, take extra precautions. SCI REMC always recommends having a backup plan, such as having extra medical supplies or relocating to an alternative location until power is restored. Investing in a portable generator may be beneficial. If you experience any emergencies, please call 911.
- Familiarize yourself with the procedures for reporting outages. SCI REMC offers multiple channels for outage reporting. If you have a stable internet connection, use the website or the SCI Connect app. Alternatively, you can use TextPower by texting "outage" to 765.505.7005. In the absence of online options, contact the office directly at 765.342.3344 or our toll-free number, 800.264.7362.

### After the Storm

- If you see fallen power lines on the road while driving, turn around — never drive over them.
- If a power line falls on your vehicle, stay inside, call 911, and exit only if your life is in immediate danger from a fire or other reason. Then, jump clear of your vehicle, being certain to never touch the vehicle and the ground at the same time; then shuffle away, keeping your feet together at all times.
- While checking for damage outside your home, watch for hazards from exposed nails, broken glass, and broken tree branches dangling on other limbs.
- Use flashlights, not candles, to inspect your home during a power outage to prevent fire risks.
- Don't touch downed power lines or anything in contact with them. Call 911 to report them, as they could still be energized.

## Downed and Dangerous

If you see a downed power line, always assume it is energized and dangerous. Avoid going near it or anything in contact with the power line.



Downed power lines can energize the ground up to 35 ft. away – so keep your distance.



Never drive over a downed line or through water that is touching the line.



If you see a downed line, notify the local authorities immediately.



Never try to move a downed power line, even if you think the line is deenergized or if you're using a non-conductive item – this will not prevent injury or death!

Source: ESFI.org

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Members must participate in the monthly survey by the deadline to be eligible for the bill credit drawing. The deadlines for each month will be on the webpage with the survey. Members must submit their contact information and account number to enter. The winner will be announced on Facebook and notified via the provided email upon survey submission.



## Keeping you in the know

TextPower from SCI REMC

Report outages, request updates and more.

- ✓ Report outages via text
- ✓ Receive real-time updates
- ✓ Request ETOR — estimated time of restoration

Stay informed when it matters most.

To register, scan the QR code.



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SCI REMC'S OPERATION ROUNDUP FUNDED

## Desert Rose Foundation Inc.

WITH A \$1,500 GRANT

Desert Rose Foundation Inc. applied for an Operation RoundUp grant to help replace all lighting in their shelter facility and install 18 new LED light fixtures.

*"This project will affect many individuals – both clients and shelter personnel – for many years to come."*

Photos provided by Desert Rose Foundation Inc.

The Operation RoundUp Program accumulates and disburses funds for charitable purposes to individuals, families, groups, and organizations located in the service area of South Central Indiana REMC. The source of funds is the REMC's members who voluntarily participate.



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