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## **UPPCO Offers Tips to Prepare for Stormy Weather**

Marquette-Upper Peninsula Power Company today reminded customers that severe weather can strike quickly, creating a variety of dangerous situations. UPPCO offered the following suggestions to help stay safe during and after stormy weather:

### **Preparation**

- Keep a battery operated portable radio, TV or Public Alert Device handy to hear local weather forecasts and other important news bulletins for your area.
- Keep an adequate supply of water and non-perishable food items on hand.
- Ensure first aid supplies and medicines are readily available.
- Make sure flashlights are working and readily available. Always keep a supply of extra batteries on hand.
- Have a plan to move yourself and your family (including pets) to another location in case you experience an extended power outage or must evacuate. Plan for any special needs family members have.
- If you have an emergency heat or power source, be sure to read the manufacturer's instructions so you know how to use it properly.

### **During a Storm**

- Monitor TV and radio or Public Alert Devices for important weather updates and news bulletins.
- If you experience a power outage, call UPPCO at **800-562-7809** or **906-449-2011**.

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**After a Storm**

- Do not try to cut or remove down trees or branches unless you are absolutely certain power lines are not involved. A licensed tree removal company may be a better option.
- Replenish your supplies of batteries, bottled water and non-perishable food items. Test storm equipment regularly.

**Downed Power Lines**

- Stay away from down or sagging power lines, and do not touch anything that is on or near them (i.e., trees or tree limbs, cars, ladders).
- Consider all down power lines and anything touching them energized and DANGEROUS! Stay away from them and report the problem to UPPCO.
- Keep children and family pets away from areas where lines may have fallen.

For more information, visit [uppc.com](http://uppc.com) and click on *Safety* under *Home* or *Business*.

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