#### SUMMER PROJECT TIPS

# Always Call Miss Dig



Red Flags Mark Electric Lines

Locator flags and paint markings show the location of underground electric lines. The flags and markings are required so workers don't strike electric lines while digging.

If you're planning a project that involves digging, always remember to call 8-1-1 three business days before you plan to dig. A service technician will mark buried lines on your property at no charge.

Michigan's Utility		lity Colo	Color Code Flags		
RED	Electric	PURPLE	Reclain Irrigatio	ned Water on	
YELLOW	Gas, Oil, Stear or Petroleum	m GREEN	Sewer	& Drain Lines	
ORANGE	Communicati	ons WHITE	Propos	ed Excavation	
BLUE	Potable Wate	r PINK	Tempo	orary Surveying	



# Need to move a meter?

- 1. Never move your meter(s)
- 2. Do not build over or cover your meter(s)

Please call UPPCO Customer Service to request relocation. We'd be happy to help!

#### (906) 449-2013 or (800) 562-7680

Customers can also request a meter relocate by submitting a New Service Application form to Customer Service at: customerservice@uppco.com

# DAM SAFETY



Escanaba Dam 4, Boney Falls

UPPCO's hydroelectric generation facilities create abundant recreational opportunities including boat launches, fishing piers, picnic areas, and campgrounds. *Always remain vigilant whenever recreating around UPPCO's hydroelectric facilities as these areas can be dangerous.* Always know the Danger Zones — accidents can be avoided by simply staying clear of all restricted zones and by obeying all warning signs, alarms and sirens.



- A Hazard area marked by buoy lines
- B Sudden water discharge from dam gates
- **G** Strong unpredictable currents above and below dams
- Sudden turbulent discharges from automatically operated powerhouse generators
- Deceiving reverse currents below spillways
- Slippery surfaces on dam structures and shorelines
- G Submerged hazards above and below dams
- Open spillways which may not be visible from above the dam
- Debris passing over or through the dam
- 🕕 Ice that forms near a dam is often thin and unsafe

## **APPLIANCE RECYCLING**

## Get Up to \$50 Per Appliance!



Your old, inefficient appliances are costing you money! Visit the website below for the latest drop off event dates and times, or to schedule a convenient pick-up at home.



MORE INFO:

EE.UPPCO.COM/RECYCLE

## **CONNECT WITH US**

CUSTOMER SERVICE Residential: (906) 449-2013 / (800) 562-7680 Business: (906) 449-2014 / (800) 337-8445 Email: customerservice@uppco.com

24-HOUR EMERGENCIES/OUTAGES: (906) 449-2011 / (800) 562-7809

OUTAGE INFORMATION/UPDATES:



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# Summer Storms

## Being Prepared Ahead of Time

Extreme weather can be harmful to yourself and your home. Your local emergency warning system will advise you about any upcoming storms as well as their severity. There are also a number of free weather apps for your smart phone that will notify you if severe weather is coming to your area. It's essential to implement storm safety tips before a storm arrives. Below you will find some helpful guidelines to get you started.



- 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.
- Be sure to remember any vital medications you or family members may need.
- Have an adequate supply of these items on hand and readily available:

water - extra batteries
nonperishable foods
flashlights - hand sanitizer

#### AFTER

- <u>Always stay at least 25 feet away from</u> <u>all downed or damaged powerlines</u>, and assume they are all energized. If the ground is wet, stay farther away. <u>Never</u> approach any standing water that has a downed powerline in it!
- Do not touch anything near a downed line such as trees, limbs, cars or ladders as they could also be energized.
- Assess any damage and stay out of damaged or unstable buildings.
- Do not try to cut or remove downed trees/branches unless you are absolutely certain powerlines are not involved.

#### DURING

- If you experience a power outage, you can report it from:
  - Your account using the UPPCO Customer Online Portal
  - By Calling UPPCO at (906) 449-2011 or (800) 562-7809
- Check for outage updates on Twitter @UPPCO and at www.uppco.com.
- Monitor radio and TV for weather updates and news bulletins.

#### GENERATOR SAFETY DURING STORMS

- Portable electric generators can be very convenient during power outages. Follow these guidelines for your safety:
  - Follow the operating instructions that came with the generator.
  - Use properly sized and rated power cords to connect equipment to the portable generator.
  - Make sure generators are placed in an outdoor area. They require ventilation.

# Environmental Qualities of Your Electricity

**UPPCO's Fuel Mix** 





NOTE: If you have a generator that is permanently connected to your electric system to energize your home's wiring in the event of a power outage, make sure that a safety transfer switch has been installed. This is required and can be installed by a licensed electrician.