

STORM PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE

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ELECTRICAL SAFETY

Electrical Hazards Can Cause Burns, Shocks, and Potential Electrocutation

- Always assume that all overhead wires are energized, or “live,” and at lethal voltages.
- Never touch a fallen overhead power line. If an overhead wire falls across your vehicle while you are driving, stay inside the vehicle and continue to drive away from the line.
- Never operate electrical equipment while you are standing in water or in the rain.
- Have a qualified electrician inspect electrical equipment that was made wet to ensure that no water remains within the unit.

Always report all fallen electrical lines to your local utility provider.

Stay Indoors During a Storm

- Avoid washing your hands, taking a bath or shower, as lightning strikes can cause electrical charges to travel through water lines.
- Stay away from windows and doors. Debris can come through windows if unprotected.
- Do not to lie down on concrete floors or lean against concrete walls, which can conduct electricity.

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