

Evergy Encourages Storm Preparation during Severe Weather Awareness Week

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (Mar 3, 2020) – In conjunction with Severe Weather Awareness Week, Evergy encourages its customers to be prepared ahead of inclement weather. With safety being a priority during severe weather, Evergy offers these electricity-specific tips so customers can be ready for storm season:

- Monitor weather conditions in your area for potential storms.
- [Prepare an emergency kit](#). Stock it with fresh batteries, a battery-powered radio and flashlight.
- Unplug appliances and electric devices (televisions, computers, gaming consoles, phone chargers, etc.), in the event of a looming storm. According to the Department of Homeland Security, a lightning strike near an electric pole can cause a surge of electricity, far larger than the 169 volts of electricity a wall outlet generally can withstand.
- Don't trust surge protectors. They're meant to protect against small electrical grid surges, not the large surges that can happen during a lightning strike.
- [Evergy offers surge protection](#), which covers up to \$15,000 annually for all corded electronics and appliances.
- Whole-house surge protectors offer some protection for your devices during a storm as well. They're intended to be installed on your home's main electrical panel, but are more expensive than an outlet surge protector.
- If indoors, avoid running water or using landline phones. Electricity can travel through plumbing and phone lines.
- If tree limbs are touching or near power lines, don't come into contact with them. ([Safety During Power Restoration](#)). Downed trees are a primary cause of outages during storms.

Customers can report or confirm outages at evergy.com/outages. You can also keep track of outage via [Evergy's outage map](#). For more tips about storm preparedness, visit the [Department of Homeland Security's Ready.gov](#).

About Evergy, Inc.

Evergy, Inc. (NYSE: EVRG) serves approximately 1.6 million customers in Kansas and Missouri. We were formed in 2018 when long-term local energy providers KCP&L and Westar Energy merged. We generate nearly half the power we provide to homes and businesses with emission-free sources. We support our local communities where we live and work, and strive to meet the needs of customers through energy savings and innovative solutions.

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