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Planning Helps Us Weather Storms

Being prepared for a storm and knowing what to do in its aftermath can mean the difference between survival and a tragedy.

Lineworkers are often called storm heroes or storm soldiers because they have the knowledge, training, and courage to head into the immediate aftermath of a storm to help others.

They face numerous dangers clearing any lines or equipment that pose a risk to public safety, reconnecting downed lines, and repairing damaged equipment.

The time it takes to restore power can vary widely depending on the extent of a storm's destruction, the number of outages, and when it becomes safe for utility personnel to get to the damaged areas. Whether it is hours or days, it always pays to be prepared.

Your emergency kit should include water bottles, non-perishable food, flashlights, extra batteries, first aid kit, and a portable weather radio.

Another part of preparation is

Be Prepared Before the Storm

Here are some basic items you should store in your home in case of emergency:

- **Water:** Three day supply, one gallon per person per day
- **Food:** Three day supply, non-perishable, high-energy
- **Clothing, bedding, and sanitation supplies**
- **Tools:** Can opener, plates, utensils, flashlight, batteries, cash, bleach, hand sanitizer
- **First aid supplies, medicine**
- **Important documents**

Visit redcross.org/domore to learn more about disaster kits.



Source: American Red Cross, Federal Emergency Management Agency

paying attention to weather forecasts for your area so that when a storm hits, you can already be in a safe shelter.

If you are outside, head inside to avoid being caught in a storm. Also, have your emergency kit within easy reach.

Even after a storm passes, it can leave hazards in its wake. Stay far away from all downed lines and any objects they

Online Resources

More information is available at www.rock.coop. Just click on the Storm Center tab to find:

- A map showing reported outages.
- Tips for when the power goes out.
- A checklist to make sure you're ready for a storm.
- A graphic and video that shows how power is restored after a storm.
- Your weather forecast.

are touching. If you see a downed line, immediately call 911.

Do not venture out on roads after a storm unless necessary.

If your vehicle comes in contact with a downed power line, do not leave the car. Downed lines can still carry electricity, and while you are safe inside your vehicle, creating two points of contact by touching the surrounding ground could result in shock or electrocution.

Wait for utility professionals to make sure the power line is de-energized before exiting the car.

Co-op Sponsors Youth Programs to Help Build Strong Citizens

Rock Energy Cooperative offers two opportunities for high school students to learn more about the political process and develop leadership skills.

The co-op will sponsor two high school juniors on the 2017 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. The June 10-16 trip includes meetings with congressional representatives and tours of historic sites.

Another program is open to current high school freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. The Wisconsin Energy Cooperative Association's Youth Leadership Congress, scheduled for July 26-28 at UW-River Falls, introduces students to cooperative business basics and offers sessions to help develop leadership skills.

Applicants for both programs must

be children of Rock Energy members and reside in the co-op's service territory. The deadline to apply for the Washington trip is Feb. 28, and applications for the UW-River Falls event must be received by March 17.

Online applications can be completed by going to www.rock.coop and clicking on the Community & Youth tab.

Rock Energy Cooperative 81st Annual Meeting Monday, March 27 Eclipse Center, Beloit

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Look for complete details in your March co-op magazine.

Top 10 reasons to attend:

10. Enjoy the delicious dinner.
9. Bring the kids. They'll have fun in the kids' room.
8. Take home a gift from the cooperative and enter door prize drawings.
7. Meet Snappy, the Beloit Snappers mascot, and get two free tickets to a home game.
6. Talk to co-operative employees and directors.
5. Meet the recipients of this year's Rock Energy scholarships.
4. Hear reports from cooperative officials.
3. Be part of the democratic process and vote for your board of directors.
2. Socialize with other members. You can greet old friends and meet new ones.
And the No. 1 reason you should attend the annual meeting is:
1. **It's your cooperative! Learn the benefits of being a Rock Energy Cooperative member.**

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



A crackling fire in the hearth warms the house, but don't let it heat up your electric bill! Caulk around the fireplace hearth and keep the damper closed when a fire is not burning.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy

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Healthy Savings Discounts

The same program that offers discounts at local merchants and has saved Rock Energy members more than \$131,000 on prescriptions also

offers significant savings on dental, vision, hearing, lab and imaging services, and chiropractic work. To locate participating providers in your area, call 800-800-



7616 or go to www.rock.coop, click on the Co-op Connections Card, and look under the Healthy Savings tab. Be sure to have your Co-op Connections Card handy.

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