

### **Energy Can Spread Like RIPPLES ON A POND**

Storms and car accidents can damage energized power lines/poles and padmount transformers (green boxes).

The damage can cause energy to spread like ripples on a pond, causing:

**Step potential,** when a person walks from one voltage "ripple" to another and their feet experience a difference in voltage.

**Touch potential,** when someone touches something at one voltage and steps on or contacts something else at a different voltage.

Learn more at:





Share these **ELECTRICAL SAFETY TIPS** with children and teens to help keep them safe.

**DO NOT** climb or sit on green boxes or other electrical equipment.





STAY AWAY from electrical equipment marked "keep out," "high voltage" or "danger."

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NEVER ENTER the fenced area around a substation to retrieve an item or pet.







Black Warrior Electric Membership Corp.



# STAYINGSAFE

## **DURING AN OUTAGE**

We work hard to provide the most reliable service possible. Rest assured, if the power is out, we are on it!

The length of time it takes to restore your power depends on several factors, including the:









#### STAY SAFE UNTIL POWER IS RESTORED

- Stay far away and keep others away from downed power lines, which could be live and deadly.
- If you come across a downed line, immediately call 9-1-1to report it.
- · Never enter a flooded room; the water could be energized.
- If you are standing in water, do not turn on/off power or flip a switch.



### Prepare for a storm by gathering these items:



Bottles of water

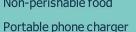
Prescriptions

Flashlights



Non-perishable food

Battery-operated radio



Extra batteries



Pet supplies



**Blankets** 



Warm clothing



First-aid kit



Hand sanitizer

THANK YOU for your patience during outages. When the lights go off, we are working safely and efficiently to restore power. The safety of our employees, as well as those we serve, is our TOP priority.



An underground utility line is damaged once every 9 minutes because someone didn't call 811



Even if you have previously

marked, utilities can shift.

had underground utilities

so it's best to call before

starting a new project.

811 locators do not detect underground sprinkler systems, invisible fences, data communication systems, private water systems, or gas piping to a garage.



Once all of your utilities have been located, then you can start your digging project!

Learn more at





Call 811, the "Call

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