



It's impossible to predict the weather any time of year, and this month can be particularly tricky. We hope for warm days with gentle breezes and rains to bring on spring flowers, but we all know Mother Nature can throw in bitter cold temps and late season snowstorms or harsh lightning storms and strong winds. Here are three quick tips to be ready for anything she throws at us this month.

### STAY AWAY FROM DOWNED LINES.

Lines can be hidden in storm debris so stay alert. They may be energized even if the power is out.

### DO NOT ENTER FLOODED BASEMENTS.

Standing water could be energized. Do not turn off electric to your home unless it is dry and safe to do so.

### WHEN THUNDER ROARS, GO INDOORS!

Seek shelter indoors or in a hardtop vehicle. If you can't get to shelter: avoid open fields and hilltops; stay away from tall, isolated trees and objects; and spread out if you are in a group.

#### Power outages

No matter the weather, our linemen are always prepared to restore outages as quickly and safely as possible. The fastest way to get information to them about an outage is to use our MyMEC app. Outages can also be reported at [menard.com/outage-center](http://menard.com/outage-center) or at 800-872-1203.

To stay connected with the MyMEC app, download it now for your mobile device. You can report outages, view a map, receive notifications and also access your account. Search for Menard Outage in the Google Play or iOS app store and input your account number (found on a recent bill) or your meter number (located under the digital digits and above the barcode).

