

When the weather outside is frightful...

Prolonged power outages can be caused by winter winds, heavy snow and ice. Here are a few tips to prepare for and stay safe during inclement weather:

- * Take a moment now to prepare by updating the emergency kits in your home and car. Visit ready.gov/kit for information on what to include.
- * Our MyMEC App can keep you connected during an outage. Download it now to report outages and receive notifications.
- * Fallen electric lines can be electrically charged, even if your power is out nearby. Stay far away from downed lines and beware of lines that may be covered by snow.
- * Whole-house generators must be connected with a transfer switch to prevent power backfeeding onto our lines, putting our linemen and others at risk of electrocution. You or your installation contractor should also fill out a generator form on our website at www.menard.com/generators.
- * Portable generators should never be connected directly to your home's electric system without use of a transfer switch; they should be positioned outdoors in a dry area at least 25 feet from windows and doors.

