

## OUTDOORS

### *Downed Wires*

- Stay away. Treat all downed wires as if they are live and energized.
- Call 911 and inform the operator there is an electrical emergency.

### *Overhead Power Lines*

- Always be aware of overhead power lines.
  - When working or playing in or around trees, check to make sure you are not close to overhead power lines.
  - Stay at least 10 feet away from overhead power lines and electrical facilities. Contact with electrical wires can cause severe injury or even death – keep all objects away from overhead power lines.

## INDOORS

### *Safe Use of Power Cords*

- Remove power cords from outlets by pulling the plug, not the cord.
- Never attach a cord to another surface with nails or staples.
- Never remove the third prong from a three-pronged plug. The third prong grounds the device and protects from faulty electrical devices.
- Never plug a space heater into an extension cord.
  - Always plug it directly into a wall outlet.



### SAFETY TIP

Downed wires: Stay away! Call 911. Do not approach or touch the wire or any person or object in contact with the wire

## Water and Electricity

- Keep electrical appliances and power tools away from water.
- Never use electrical appliances or tools in or near water, including the shower or bath.
- Dry hands thoroughly before coming into contact with any electrical appliance, outlet, or wall switch.



## Electrical Fires

- Call 911.
- If an appliance catches fire, immediately unplug the appliance if safe to do so.
- Use an appropriately rated fire extinguisher (one rated for electrical and grease fires).
  - Baking soda may also be used to extinguish an electrical fire.



### SAFETY TIP

DO NOT throw water on an electrical fire. You could be electrocuted

## OUTAGES

### Helpful Tips:

- If you are cold, wear multiple layers of warm clothing.
- Switch off your lights (except one). Also, to prevent damage when the electricity is restored, consider unplugging all electrical equipment.
- Listen to a battery-powered radio for storm or emergency-related updates.
- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed. Check food for spoilage before eating.



### SAFETY TIP

Use flashlights instead of candles to avoid a significant fire hazard