



# DEALING WITH A MAJOR POWER OUTAGE

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HEAVY RAIN, HURRICANES AND TORNADOES CAN BRING POWER OUTAGES. IN FACT, THESE DAYS, WE AT NUECES ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ALSO PREPARE FOR FIRE, ACCIDENTS AND THREATS OF TERRORISM THAT COULD RESULT IN MAJOR POWER OUTAGES. A MAJOR POWER OUTAGE CAN IMPACT THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE AND IT CAN TAKE SEVERAL DAYS, OR EVEN WEEKS, TO RESTORE ELECTRIC POWER TO EVERYONE. RESTORING POWER AFTER A MAJOR OUTAGE IS A BIG JOB THAT INVOLVES MUCH MORE THAN MOVING A FEW TREES AND THROWING A SWITCH. IN VERY SEVERE CIRCUMSTANCES, IT MAY INVOLVE THE REBUILDING OF PARTS OF AN ELECTRIC SYSTEM THAT TOOK ALMOST 70 YEARS TO BUILD IN THE FIRST PLACE. WHILE WE CERTAINLY WON'T TAKE ANYWHERE NEAR 70 YEARS TO RESTORE YOUR SERVICE, IN A CRISIS THAT DEMOLISHES ALL OR MUCH OF THE NEC DISTRIBUTION AND/OR TRANSMISSION SYSTEM, IT WILL LIKELY TAKE MANY WEEKS TO RESTORE POWER TO ALL OF OUR MEMBERS. THAT WILL BE THE CASE EVEN WITH THE SUPPORT OF OTHER CREWS FROM AROUND THE STATE AND COUNTRY. TO HELP YOU BETTER UNDERSTAND AND PREPARE FOR A MAJOR OUTAGE SITUATION.

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