Please stay safe after the storm

We urge customers in stormy and flooded areas to take the following safety precautions:

Ensure that all electric appliances, especially ovens and stoves, are turned off to prevent fires. Use caution when unplugging. Don’t stand in water when operating switches, plugging in or unplugging electrical cords.

When working on a ladder, look up and note the location of power lines before you begin. Be sure that ladders or scaffolds are far enough away so that you – and the ends of the tools you’re using – stay at least 10 feet away from power lines. Before lowering a TV antenna or satellite dish, be sure to turn off and unplug the TV.

When resetting circuit breakers, wear dry, rubber-soled shoes and stand on something dry and non-conductive, such as a dry piece of wood or wooden furniture.

Use caution while driving. Power interruptions may cause traffic signals to stop working without warning. If you come to an intersection with a non-working traffic signal, Florida law requires that you treat it as a four-way stop.

In a flooded home, battery-powered lighting is the safest lighting source. Use flashlights when inspecting a home for possible damage.

Stay far away from downed power lines, flooding and debris; lines could be energized and dangerous.

Don’t drive, walk or stand in standing water. Stay away from standing water. Don’t walk or drive near downed power lines or in water, where a downed power line could be concealed. Keep children away from puddles of water and downed power lines.

If using a portable generator:
» Follow the manufacturer’s recommendations for proper use.
» Plug appliances directly into the generator, not into the main electric panel, because the electricity may flow back into power lines and cause injuries.
» Only a licensed electrician should connect a generator to a main electric panel.
» Never operate a generator inside your home or garage.
» Keep generators well away from open windows to prevent dangerous fumes from entering your home or a neighbor’s home.

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