



Safety During Electric Outages

- ✓ Do not use generators unless they are connected to an isolated circuit. Generators connected directly to a home's electric circuit may create a life-threatening situation for crews working on the line. If you are not certain that a generator is isolated – do not use it.
- ✓ Stay away from downed power lines and poles. Always assume the lines are energized and report any damage to Clarke Electric Cooperative at 641-342-2173 or 800-362-2154.
- ✓ Be careful if riding snowmobiles in ditches and other areas where power lines are down. Buried conductors, downed lines, and broken poles represent a significant safety issue.
- ✓ Members should not attempt to clear downed electrical equipment on their own. Call Clarke Electric if it is before the meter; call an electrician if it is after the meter.
- ✓ Severe weather and power outages create the need to improvise solutions for home heating, cooking, and other necessary tasks. We strongly urge members to avoid using products designed for outdoor use inside their homes.
- ✓ If you know of elderly persons or those with medical needs who may be without power, we suggest you check on them and help them find a place to stay until power can be restored. You may contact your count's Emergency Management Coordinator to find established shelters. In Clarke County, the number is 641-342-6654.

