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Victoria Electric Cooperative requests that you broadcast this information as soon as possible. Your assistance is needed in order to communicate this important situation. Thank you for your prompt attention.

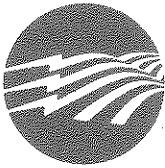
Electric Safety and Storms-Be Prepared!

Victoria Electric Cooperative consumers may experience electric power outages as a result of tornados, high winds; lightning and flash flooding that could be associated with Hurricane Ike's landfall forecasted for Friday, September 12, 2008.

Where this storm makes landfall will ultimately determine the extent of damage and hazardous conditions, and of course, the extent of an inconvenience to consumers. Consumers in the six counties, served by Victoria Electric Cooperative are encouraged to consider electric safety during and after the storm.

Generators

If you plan to use a portable backup generator for temporary electric power, follow the manufacturer instructions to protect you and your family. Also, **DO NOT** connect the generator to the house wiring unless you have had a qualified electrician hook up the standby electrical system—including the installation of the transfer switch to isolate the generator from the electric utility service. Without the transfer switch, the power from the generator will back feed through the transformer and raise the voltage to **7,200** volts, a level that can easily kill any serviceman trying to resort the power down the line. In addition, when the power is restored it may cause an electrical fire and/or destroy the generator.



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Downed Power Lines

Assume that any downed power line is "live." If power lines are lying on the ground or dangling near the ground, do not touch the lines. Notify your utility company or local law enforcement authorities as soon as possible that the lines have been damaged, or that the lines are down. Do not attempt to move or repair the power lines. If you can, stay nearby to warn other away from the downed line.

Phone Lines & Outage Reporting

With a storm of this magnitude, phone lines can get very busy. Rest assured that, if this hurricane affects the area, the co-ops have crews working to restore co-op members' electric and all phone lines are manned around the clock. Stay tuned to this station for further updates, especially if you cannot get through to us by telephone. We appreciate our member's patience and support during this time.

To receive an update on the restoration efforts you can call 361-582-5555 or on Victoria Electric Cooperative's website at www.victoriaelectric.coop.

Victoria Electric Cooperative serves 19,000 member-consumers in 6 counties.