



Singing River Electric Power Association is prepared for storm season. Are you? Stay prepared year long with an evacuation plan for your family and a preparedness plan for your home.

#### **Storm Preparation Checklist:**

- Update phone number/ e-mail address with Singing River Electric to get power back on quicker.
- Consider evacuation and make alternate preparations if you or someone in your home uses electric medical equipment or has other special needs.
  - Plan your evacuation route. Check the Mississippi Department of Transportation evacuation map to see which evacuation route is best for you.
  - Check South Mississippi Red Cross or local media websites for shelter information.
- Collect important papers (medical, insurance, etc.).
- Have your hurricane supply kit ready to go. Download SRE's FREE hurricane preparedness guide, "The Power of Preparation."
- Create an inventory of your home by using a video recorder or camera.
- Ensure cell phones and other electronic devices are fully charged before the storm hits.
- Top off gasoline tanks in vehicles and make sure the vehicle battery is in good condition.
- Fasten or relocate your boat.
- Elevate and cover furniture inside your home to minimize damage in case of flooding.
- Bring in or store outdoor furniture and equipment.
- Shortly before storm fall, turn down the thermostat to cool your house.
  - If you keep doors and windows closed after the storm, you can keep your house relatively cool for about 48 hours.
- Shortly before storm fall, turn down thermostat and keep doors closed on your refrigerator so it will keep food cold as long as possible.
- Fill bathtubs with extra water for cleaning and flushing toilets.
- Have emergency cash ready.
- If you plan to use a portable generator in the event of a storm outage, always put safety first and follow all the guidelines for proper use. For more information, download generator safety tips from [www.singingriver.com](http://www.singingriver.com).
- Stay tuned to local media for changes in weather conditions.