

Safety precautions for customers in flooded areas by FPL



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FPL urges customers in flooded areas to take the following safety precautions:

- Stay far away from downed power lines, flooding and debris; lines could be energized and dangerous.
- 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.
- 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; and
 - Keep generators well away from open windows to prevent dangerous fumes from entering your home or a neighbor's home.
- Ensure that all electric appliances, especially ovens and stoves, are turned off to prevent fires.
- 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.

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