

STAY IN THE CAR

If your vehicle comes in contact with a utility pole or a downed power line, the most important thing is to stay inside the car and call 911!

HERE'S WHY:

When a pole is struck, **power lines can fall** on your vehicle or on the ground nearby, causing a potential life-or-death situation for you and your passengers.

Fallen power lines can still be energized, even if they don't spark or buzz. They can also continue to carry a lethal amount of electricity when touching the ground.

Fallen power lines are hard to see. Silhouetted against the sky, power lines may seem easy to see. But when knocked down and twisted with tall grass or trees, especially at night, power lines are almost impossible to see.

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BE PREPARED FOR

SPRING'S FICKLE FOUL WEATHER

Are you prepared when rain showers turn into threatening storms?

BEFORE THE STORM:

Make sure your cell phone is charged. Consider purchasing an external battery charger for your phone to charge it without electricity.

Have a battery-operated radio available so you can stay updated on the latest weather watches and warnings.

Unplug appliances and other electrical items, such as computers. Damage can occur from power surges caused by nearby lightning strikes.

Have an emergency kit ready and create a family communication plan.

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