

WINTER FREEZE

ELECTRICAL SAFETY TIPS WINTER FREEZE GUIDE

Before a Freeze

- Label your breaker panel for quick shutoff.
- Check space heaters: plug directly into outlets, never extension cords.
- Test GFCI outlets in kitchens, bathrooms, garages, and outdoors.
- Protect outdoor outlets with weatherproof covers.
- Inspect heat tape or heat cables on pipes for frayed wires before use.
- Consider a generator or backup power source — test it before you need it.

During & After a Freeze

- Keep space heaters at least 3 feet from flammable materials.
- Avoid overloading outlets or running multiple heaters on one circuit.
- If power goes out, turn off major appliances to prevent surges when restored.
- Stay clear of downed lines from ice buildup — call your utility immediately.
- Never use ovens or grills indoors for heat — risk of fire and carbon monoxide.
- After power returns, check your breaker panel for tripped breakers and reset only if dry and safe.

⚠ Safety Check

Stop and call us immediately if you notice:

- Outlets warm to the touch
- Breakers tripping repeatedly when heaters are in use
- Sparks, smoke, or burning smells near outlets or panels

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