

STORM SEASON READY



Summer in Texas doesn't just bring heat—it also brings the risk of thunderstorms, high winds, and even flash flooding. At Bryan Texas Utilities, we work year-round to ensure our electric system is strong, resilient, and ready to weather the storm. But even with the most reliable infrastructure, severe weather can sometimes cause outages. That's why it's important for every household to be prepared. Here's how you can protect your family and stay safe when storms roll in.



BEFORE THE STORM

Preparation is key. When forecasts call for storms, take steps to get your home and family ready:

- Charge your devices, including cell phones, battery packs, and medical equipment.
- Update your contact info with BTU so we can reach you with important outage notifications.



- Create an emergency kit with flashlights, extra batteries, nonperishable food, bottled water, medications, and a first-aid kit.
- Secure outdoor items like patio furniture, trash bins, and garden tools that could blow away in high winds.
- Know your safe place in case of tornadoes or extreme wind—a windowless interior room on the lowest floor of your home is best.





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DURING THE STORM

Stay alert and stay inside. Electrical safety is especially important during active weather:

- Avoid using corded electronics or appliances during lightning.
- Stay away from windows and doors and never go outside during lightning or heavy winds.



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- Don't touch downed power lines or anything in contact with them—call BTU or 911 to report them immediately.
- Turn off major appliances to prevent damage from possible lightning or power surges.

IF THE POWER GOES OUT

BTU's advanced metering and monitoring systems help us detect outages quickly, but here's what you can do while crews work to restore service:

- Keep fridge and freezer doors closed to preserve food. A closed fridge can keep food cold for about 4 hours; a full freezer, up to 48 hours.
- Use flashlights instead of candles to prevent fire hazards.
- Listen to local news or weather apps on a battery-powered radio or device for updates.
- Report outages by texting OUT to 979-821-5700 or online at btutilities.com

HOW BTU PREPARES

Our crews are on call 24/7 and ready to respond at a moment's notice. BTU invests in system upgrades, tree trimming, and emergency response training to keep power flowing—even during harsh weather.

Thanks to our smart meter technology, we often know about outages before customers do. That means faster diagnostics, targeted restoration, text updates, and more reliable service for you.

When storms happen, BTU is here for you—working around the clock to restore service safely and efficiently. Your preparation and patience help us serve you better. Together, we can weather any storm.