# STORM SAFETY & PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST

# **BEFORE A STORM**

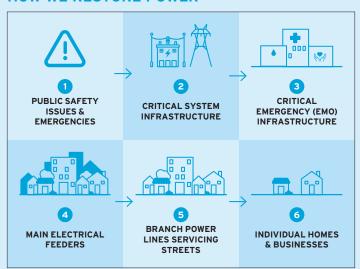
- □ Add our 24/7 outage line number, 1-877-428-6004, to your contact list on your cell phone.
- ☐ Bookmark <u>outagemap.nspower.ca</u> and the online outage reporting tool available on the outage map.
- ☐ Follow us on Twitter for updates.
- ☐ Fully charge all mobile phones and a power bank charger.
- ☐ Prepare a 72-hour emergency kit.

- □ Plug your electronics into a surge protector or unplug them if you don't have one installed.
- ☐ Don't touch electrical equipment that may have been exposed to water.
- □ Lower the temperature of your fridge to 40°F/4°C and your freezer to 0°F/-18°C.
- ☐ Make sure we have your contact information up to date on MyAccount.

### **DURING A STORM**

- ☐ Report a power outage to 1-877-428-6004 or through outagemap.nspower.ca.
- ☐ Locate your emergency kit.
- ☐ Ensure your flashlights are working.
- ☐ Check the outage map for the most up-to-date information and estimated time of restoration. The map updates every 10 minutes.
- ☐ Unplug all TVs, electronics and appliances at home.
- ☐ Turn off all light switches except one—so you know when power is restored.
- ☐ Bring outdoor items such as patio furniture inside.
- $\square$  Avoid opening the fridge and freezer to retain the cold.
- ☐ Stay inside and away from windows and doors.
- ☐ Check the local news for weather updates and our Twitter feed.

#### **HOW WE RESTORE POWER**



# **AFTER A STORM**

- ☐ Consider all wires live, stay clear and report it to us at 1-877-428-6004.
- ☐ If your meter mast is damaged, you will need to get an electrical contractor to make repairs before we can restore power.
- ☐ If you don't know of an electrician in your area, give us a call and we'll help contact one for you.
- ☐ You can also find a list of electricians who are ready to help at <u>nspower.</u> ca/outages/repair-damaged-meter
- ☐ Turn on appliances and electronics one at a time to avoid a power surge.
- ☐ Ensure you refill your supplies to be ready for the next time a storm hits.

