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## **BE PREPARED FOR POWER OUTAGES**

**STATESVILLE, N.C.** – Communities along North Carolina’s coast are now feeling the impact of Hurricane Florence as the storm hits the coastline of Wilmington, NC with 90 mph winds. Storm surge may exceed ten feet along parts of the coast. As of 10:00 a.m., more than 476,000 outages have been reported in North Carolina, 186,000 of them from members served by Cooperatives.

As Hurricane Florence makes its way across our state, it is projected to cross EnergyUnited’s 19-county service territory on Sunday. Cooperative members and the general public should be prepared for prolonged outages as this large storm brings strong winds and sustained rainfall that could lead to flooding. The impact from these weather conditions is expected to be severe, making road conditions and travel extremely hazardous. Flooded road conditions can also delay power restoration.

Everyone is asked to stay far away from downed or sagging power lines, as well as anything that downed lines are touching. Always assume that a powerline is energized and very dangerous. Report downed, sparking or damaged power lines by calling EnergyUnited at 1-800-522-3793.

EnergyUnited wants you and your family to be safe and prepared. Check on family members, friends and neighbors to ensure they have necessary emergency supplies. Members with medical or special needs should make preparations in advance in case they experience an outage. If you are using a portable generator, remember to never use it indoors and to place it in a dry, well-ventilated area away from your home. Generators should not be connected to a home’s wiring system, fuse box or circuit breaker unless a qualified electrician has installed a transfer switch between the generator and utility power in compliance with all state and local electrical codes.

As always, safety is our number one priority. Please be safe!

- To report an outage call **1-800-EUNITED (1-800-386-4833)**
- Real-time outage numbers can be found on our [Outage Map](#).
- Visit our [Storm Center Page](#) for important up-to-date information.

**About EnergyUnited** EnergyUnited Electric Membership Corporation (EMC) is the largest electric cooperative in North Carolina serving nearly 130,000 metering points. Headquartered in Statesville, EnergyUnited provides electric service in portions of nineteen counties in west central North Carolina which include Alexander, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Catawba, Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Gaston, Guilford, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stokes, Wilkes and Yadkin. EnergyUnited Propane provides products and services to more than 25,000 residential, commercial and industrial customers in 74 counties across North and South Carolina. Visit EnergyUnited online at [www.energyunited.com](http://www.energyunited.com) to learn more about our electric and propane businesses.