

Severe Weather Advisory

January 19, 2023



CURRENT SITUATION

Our meteorologists are closely monitoring the potential for severe weather this evening throughout our service territory, including scattered storms and high winds. Continued strong wind gusts above 40 mph could impede restoration efforts if outages occur.

AEP Ohio crews are at the ready, preparing equipment and supplies — and are encouraging customers to be prepared for the possibility of outages, too. Crews will work to restore any power outages as quickly and safely as possible — however, lingering wind gusts could delay some restoration efforts.

Updates will be provided throughout the weather event at [AEPOhio.com](https://www.aepohio.com) and other communication channels.

STORM PREPAREDNESS & SAFETY TIPS

As the weather approaches, now is the time to make plans and prepare for what you'll do if there's a power outage.

- Assemble or refresh an [emergency kit](#) that includes (at minimum) non-perishable food, water, a flashlight, batteries, a battery-powered radio, a first aid kit, any necessary medications, fully charged portable chargers, extra cash and maps of your area.
- Develop an [emergency preparedness plan](#) for you and your family. Decide now what you'll do if there's an extended power outage and identify a safe location to shelter in place, if necessary. Also, contact family, friends and neighbors who are elderly or have a medical condition — and don't forget to include your pets in your [planning](#).
- Stay away from any downed wires and report any hazards through the [AEP Ohio mobile app](#), call **911** and AEP Ohio at **(800) 672-2231**.
- Secure any loose outdoor items, such as patio furniture or leftover holiday decorations, that could become airborne.
- Do not attempt to remove tree limbs or debris within 10 feet of a power line.
- Limbs, leaves and other objects moved by the storm could hide downed wires. Investigate your surroundings before trying to clean up any debris.
- Notify AEP Ohio if you're using a generator. This protects you and our lineworkers as they work to restore power.
- Never operate lanterns, heaters or fuel-fired stoves without proper ventilation.
- Unplug major appliances to protect them when power is restored.
- Refuel heaters, lamps and generators outside and away from any flames or sparks. Wipe up spilled fuel immediately.
- Never burn charcoal indoors — it releases poisonous carbon monoxide.
- For the health and safety of AEP Ohio crews, please stay at least 6 feet away from our employees, vehicles and equipment.

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STAY CONNECTED

After the storm passes and it's safe to do so, we will begin to restore power as conditions allow and begin to assess damage. To receive updates as information becomes available, customers should:

- Sign up for text alerts: [AEPOhio.com/Alerts](https://www.aepohio.com/alerts)
- Download the AEP Ohio mobile app: [AEPOhio.com/App](https://www.aepohio.com/app)
- Visit [AEPOhio.com](https://www.aepohio.com) throughout the duration of the event, including [AEPOhio.com/OutageMap](https://www.aepohio.com/outagemap)
- Follow AEP Ohio on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/aepohio) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/aepohio)

NEXT UPDATE

We'll continue to keep you informed as more information becomes available. Updates will be provided throughout the weather event at [AEPOhio.com](https://www.aepohio.com) and other communication channels.