

Don't worry.

**BE READY.**



A Quick Storm Reference Guide from:



# Stay away from these storm hazards!

BE PREPARED.

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Peoples Gas prides ourselves on the reliability and safety we bring to our customers. When storms strike, these precautions can help you avoid dangers in your home.



PEOPLES GAS: (877) 832-6747

## DON'T TOUCH THE MAIN VALVE

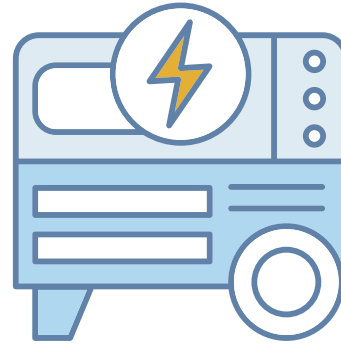
Your natural gas meter will likely operate uninterrupted through a storm. The main valve should only be handled by qualified Peoples Gas or emergency personnel. The individual supply valves near each gas appliance are safe for you to operate if you wish. Any issues relighting pilot lights should be referred to a licensed plumber or appliance service contractor.

## STOVETOPS CLEAR AND OFF

Power or gas may be restored at any time, turning an idle stove into a fire hazard! Whether you own a natural gas stove, cooktop or electric range, be sure nothing is sitting on or near heating elements and all knobs are set to the OFF position.

## SMELL GAS? ACT FAST.

If you smell the odor of rotten eggs near your home or business, a natural gas line may be damaged or leaking. Immediately move to a safe location, **call 911**, and call Peoples Gas at **(877) 832 6747**. We're ready to handle your emergency 24/7.



## GENERATOR SAFETY

If you choose to own and operate a portable generator in case of storm outages, it's important to do so safely!

## DON'T PLUG INTO CIRCUITS

**ONLY** plug your generator into select appliances. Plugging into your home's circuits can carry electrical current to outside lines - a deadly hazard for lineworkers restoring your power.

## AVOID FUMES

Just like a car's exhaust, the fumes from your generator could be lethal. Keep your generator outside, away from A/C ducts and away from enclosed spaces (even an open or closed garage) to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning.

## REPORT A NATURAL GAS LEAK

If you suspect a natural gas leak, move to a safe location, **call 911**, and call Peoples Gas at **877-832-6747**.

## CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

Removing tree roots, fixing a fence or repairing other property damage? **Call 811** to have your underground utilities marked for **FREE**. Please allow two business days for this service.

*The planning information contained in this brochure is provided solely as a guide for our customers. Peoples Gas assumes no responsibility for the care or operation of the appliances or natural gas piping in your home or business. We encourage you to seek the services of a licensed plumber/contractor or appliance retailer for more information.*

# Ready to go. Ready to stay.

Authorities may issue evacuation or shelter notices 48-72 hours before possible storm impact, depending on storm details and your location. Avoid last-minute stress by preparing now.

## FOLLOW EVACUATION ORDERS

If Authorities evacuate your area, assume your safety is at extreme risk. As quickly as possible, unplug all appliances (except refrigerators and freezers, to preserve contents), lock your home and drive carefully according to your evacuation route.

## PACK A "GO-BAG" NOW

If you had to evacuate, what would you take with you? Make a list and, where possible, pack your bag now so you'll be prepared later.

- Photo IDs & passports
- Social security cards and birth certificates
- Deeds, licenses and policies
- Insurance & financial documents
- Cash in case of ATM outages
- Food (at least 3 days' supply, non-perishable)
- Water (1 gallon per person per day for several days)
- 7 days' change of clothing
- Personal hygiene items
- First-aid kit and medications
- Cell phones and chargers
- Battery-powered radio, flashlights & batteries
- Pets: Any items for transport and care
- Children: Any items for transport and care
- Mementos and valuables

## EVACUATION ZONE & SHELTERS

Consult your county to determine your zone and find nearby storm shelters.

For pets, do the research now to find pet-friendly shelters or other accommodations.

For special needs, assistance is available in storm-related emergencies. Join the Special Needs Registry for confidential support at [floridadisaster.org](http://floridadisaster.org)

## STAY SAFE AT HOME

No evacuation orders in your area? Consider your risk factors carefully and make the best decision you can for your family's safety.

If you stay home, you'll want to wait out the storm inside a sturdy structure (avoid mobile homes) away from windows. Prepare ahead by:

- Covering or shuttering windows if possible
- Removing or securing loose outdoor items
- Preparing an emergency kit, including:
  - First-aid kit and medications
  - Flashlights & batteries
  - Battery-powered radio
  - Food (at least 3 days' supply, non-perishable)
  - Water (1 gallon per person per day for several days)