

# Are You Ready?



## Hurricane Season

June 1<sup>st</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup>

Did you realize that hurricane season spans six months out of the year? The time to prepare is now. Making a plan and having it in place well before severe weather strikes is one of the best ways to protect yourself, your property and those you love. Fort Pierce Utilities Authority offers the following safety tips and recommendations to help you prepare for severe weather and most importantly, stay safe.

### PREPARE NOW

- **Know** your area's risk of hurricanes.
- **Be proactive** by looking around your property to identify any potential electrical hazards and employ a licensed electrician or certified tree trimmer to correct it.
- **Protect** your property. Declutter drains and gutters. Install check valves in plumbing to prevent backups. Consider hurricane shutters. Review insurance policies.
- **Sign up** for our community warning system, Alert St. Lucie, at [www.stlucieco.gov](http://www.stlucieco.gov) and click on Living in St. Lucie County, Disaster Preparedness. The Emergency Alert System (EAS) and National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio also provide emergency alerts.
- **Keep** important documents in a safe place or create password-protected digital copies.
- **Gather** needed supplies for at least three days. Keep in mind each person's specific needs, including medication. Don't forget the needs of your pets.
- **Become** familiar with your evacuation zone, your evacuation route, and shelter locations. If you require a special needs shelter, sign up now at [www.stlucieco.gov](http://www.stlucieco.gov). Click on Living in St. Lucie County, Disaster Preparedness.
- **Make and practice** your plan for evacuation or sheltering in place.
- **Watch** for warning signs such as heavy rainfall if you live in an area at risk for flash flooding.

For additional tips, information and checklists suggesting what to do before, during and after a storm, please visit [www.fpu.com](http://www.fpu.com), [www.Facebook/TeamFPUA](https://www.facebook.com/TeamFPUA), and [www.ready.gov/hurricane](http://www.ready.gov/hurricane).

# Power Outage Restoration

## HOW WE RESTORE POWER

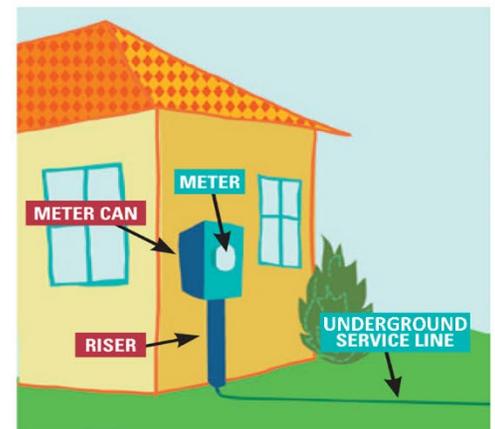
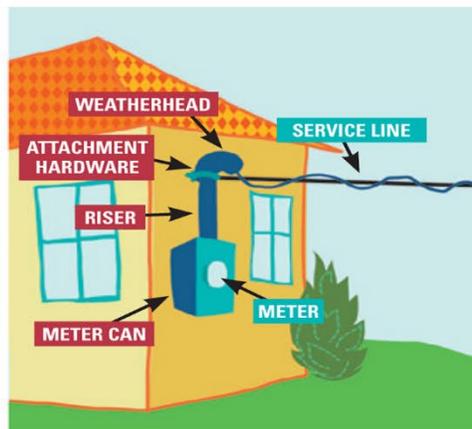
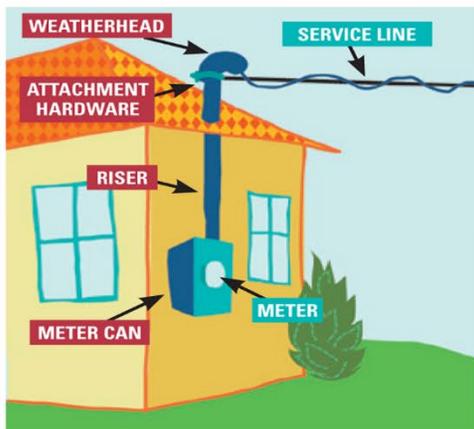
This diagram illustrates the major components of the electrical system used to deliver electricity to Fort Pierce homes and businesses. It also provides the order of restoration priority after major storms. In general, FPUA focuses on the largest facilities first, in an effort to restore service to as many people as quickly as possible.



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| 1 Power plant                             | 6 Fuse                              |
| 2 Transmission lines                      | 7 Tap line                          |
| 3 Transmission-to-distribution substation | 8 Pole-top or pad-mount transformer |
| 4 Distribution feeder                     | 9 Service lines                     |
| 5 Power pole                              |                                     |

## WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR FIXING WHAT?

If your electrical components are damaged, you may be responsible for repairs. Identify your type of service connection below to learn what your responsibilities are.



- Customer Responsibility
 ■ FPUA Responsibility