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# Forecasted rain warrants storm safety reminders

TURLOCK – With multiple days of precipitation in the region’s weather forecast likely to record the first prolonged rainfall of the water year this week, Turlock Irrigation District is reminding customers and others to be prepared for fall and winter storms.

While TID performs many tasks throughout the year to further the safety and reliability of its electrical system, rain and wind storms always have the potential to cause weather-related outages during fall and winter storms. Additionally, storms such as those anticipated this week warrant a heightened awareness about electrical safety.

What follows is a list of precautionary measures that can help ensure general public safety as well as the reliability of electric service during current and future storms affecting the region. Additional information about this topic is available at [www.tid.com/storms](http://www.tid.com/storms).

### **Prior to any storm**

- Know how to stay safe around electricity. Many common [Electrical Safety Tips](#) are featured within the Education & Safety section of TID’s website.
- Trees with heavy branches near power lines should be trimmed, especially for customers who receive power from overhead service wires. More details about [Tree Trimming](#) are located within the Customer Service section of TID’s website.
- Lighter outside items that could potentially blow away during strong winds should be stored inside.
- Create or purchase a storm preparedness kit and have it readily available. Have flashlights and extra batteries handy, along with a battery-operated radio and first aid kit. Having bottled water and non-perishable foods handy is also a good idea.
- Use surge protectors to safeguard important electrical devices and appliances.
- Know how to manually operate and lock electric-operated garage doors.
- Research reputable emergency preparedness websites, such as [ready.gov](http://ready.gov), the [American Red Cross](#) and [FEMA](#) for more detailed information.

### **During/after the storm**

- TID customers experiencing power loss for longer than five minutes should call TID’s 24-hour service line at 883-8301.

- Stay far away from downed power lines and never touch them. If a person locates a downed power line or downed power pole, they should immediately call 911 or TID's 24-hour service line at 883-8301.
- Do not attempt to clear branches or debris from downed power lines. Always assume downed power lines are energized. Do not attempt to rescue someone in contact with a downed power line.
- As always, drive with caution. Traffic signals with power outages should be treated as stop signs in all directions.

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**About the Turlock Irrigation District (TID)**

*The Turlock Irrigation District, located in Turlock CA, is the first publicly owned Irrigation District and is one of only four today that provides irrigation water and power to residential, commercial, industrial and agricultural customers within its service area. TID has been in the retail electric business since 1923. TID provides safe, low-cost, reliable energy to a growing customer base that today exceeds 98,000 home, farm, business, industrial and municipal accounts. TID also serves 5,800 irrigation customers covering approximately 150,000 acres of farmland. For more information about TID visit [www.tid.com](http://www.tid.com) and follow [@TurlockID](https://twitter.com/TurlockID) on Twitter.*