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Baltimore Gas and Electric Company Preparing for Forecasted Strong Thunderstorms across Central Maryland This Afternoon and Evening

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BALTIMORE, June 22, 2012 – [Baltimore Gas and Electric Company \(BGE\)](http://www.bge.com) today announced that it is closely monitoring the approaching weather system and has pre-mobilized employees and contractors in anticipation of this afternoon’s forecasted weather. Strong thunderstorm activity may bring periods of heavy rain, lightning and high wind gusts of up to 50 miles per hour, which could damage overhead and underground electric distribution equipment, causing interruptions in electric service and damage across BGE’s central Maryland service area. Customers may stay informed on restoration efforts via www.bge.com, [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Flickr](#).

“BGE has pre-mobilized more than 500 employees and contractors in anticipation of the impending weather in order to respond to weather-related outages as safely and as quickly as possible, should they occur,” said Jeannette M. Mills, vice president and chief customer officer for BGE. “We remind customers that certain types of work, such as repairs requiring the use of bucket trucks, cannot be safely performed when the wind exceeds 25 miles per hour. In that case, BGE will begin restoring service as soon as it is safe to do. The safety of our employees, contractors and customers is our first priority at BGE. As always, BGE thanks its customers for their patience and understanding.”

As a reminder, BGE customers who may be elderly, handicapped or dependent on electricity for medical equipment should always have alternate arrangements in place should they experience an extended power outage. Customers using a generator should follow manufacturer instructions and be sure to locate generators in well-ventilated areas.

Just as BGE prepares for severe weather and the possibility of power outages, customers should also be prepared and take steps to ensure the safety of their families and property during electric service interruptions. Customers should keep the following items readily available:

Flashlights – not candles

Fresh batteries

Battery operated clock radio

Corded telephone

Fully charged cell phone

Non-perishable foods

Customers also should consider filling the fuel tanks of their vehicles in the event a power outage affects service to neighborhood gas stations. For customers who rely on well water, filling a bathtub with water in advance of severe weather is strongly encouraged.

BGE's restoration priorities are public safety issues and critical facilities, such as 911 centers, hospitals and pumping stations. Then restoration is generally scheduled so that the greatest number of customers can be restored as quickly and as safely as possible. However, in cases of extended power outages, consideration is also given to customers who have been without service for the longest.

Customers are always reminded to stay away from downed power lines and to report them immediately by calling 800.685.0123. Power outages should be reported by calling BGE's automated system at 1.877.778.2222. For more information about BGE storm preparation and how customers can protect their families and property, go to www.bge.com.

BGE also recommends that in periods of extreme heat, customers should consider the following tips for staying comfortable and conserving energy:

- Stay hydrated – drink plenty of water
- Consider going to a cool place such as a movie theater, mall or pool
- Relax in the basement where the temperature is typically several degrees cooler than the rest of the house
- Use an outdoor grill or microwave instead of the stove or oven
- Avoid using other heat-producing appliances such as dishwashers and clothes dryers
- Draw blinds and curtains in rooms that receive a lot of sunlight
- Turn ceiling fan on with blades rotating counter clockwise
- Closing curtains and blinds to keep the sun outside
- Setting thermostats at 78 degrees or higher if health allows

- Delaying use of major, heat generating household appliances such as ovens, stoves, dishwashers and dryers until after 9 p.m. when the temperature begins to drop
- Turning off non-essential appliances, electronics and other devices
- Visiting the [Summer Ready](#) section of [BGE's website](#)

In addition to monitoring current and approaching weather conditions which could result in service interruptions, BGE regularly conducts emergency training drills during which all aspects of storm related service restoration are tested. BGE also reviews its Electric Delivery Emergency Response Plan to ensure that storm response procedures are up-to-date and in line with industry standards.

[BGE](#), headquartered in Baltimore, is Maryland's largest gas and electric utility, delivering power to more than 1.2 million electric customers and more than 650,000 natural gas customers in central Maryland. The company's approximately 3,400 employees are committed to the safe and reliable delivery of gas and electricity, as well as enhanced energy management, conservation, environmental stewardship and community assistance. BGE is a subsidiary of Exelon Corporation (NYSE: EXC), the nation's leading competitive energy provider with approximately \$33 billion in annual revenues. Like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) and [Flickr](#).

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