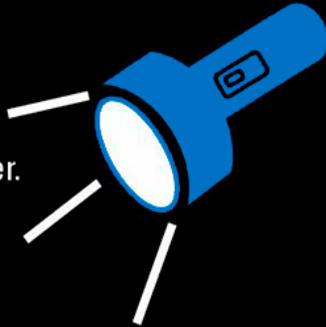


# Severe Weather Preparedness

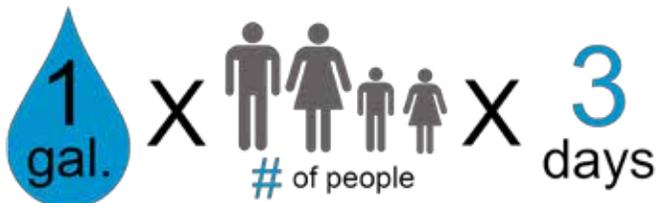


Storms can knock out power.  
Be prepared.

Spring can bring quite the array of weather-related dangers to the United States. Various parts of the country are at risk for tornadoes, floods, thunderstorms and lightning, hail, wildfires, and tsunamis during March and April. Help your family stay safe this spring by knowing what types of hazardous weather affects your area, learning key safety steps, and making preparations starting with an emergency kit.

Your emergency *preparedness kit* should include enough water and food for three days, flashlight, batteries, blankets, and a first aid kit. A full list of suggested items can be found at [SafeElectricity.org](http://SafeElectricity.org).

How much **water** goes in your emergency kit?



research collected from Ready.gov



**Earth Day Lakeshore Fair**  
Saturday, April 16, 2016  
1:00 - 4:00pm  
**Grand Haven Community Center**  
421 Columbus, Grand Haven

The Grand Haven Board of Light & Power is proud to host a booth at the 2016 Earth Day Lakeshore Fair. In honor of Earth Day 2016 we will be giving away 250 Red Oak seedlings, including information on how to avoid tree & utility line conflicts when selecting & planting trees.



Created in 1896, the Board of Light & Power is one of more than 2,000 community-owned electric utilities serving homes and businesses across the United States. We are locally controlled by a five-member Board of Directors elected by Grand Haven residents with approximately 13,750 customers in the greater Grand Haven area.

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# Stay afloat with **flood** safety tips



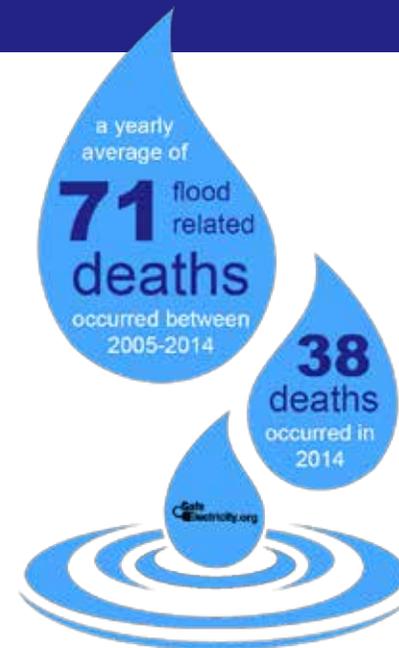
When a flood rolls in,  
don't go in.

## Any time **water** and **electricity** get together, you have a recipe for danger from shock or electrocution:

- Never enter flood waters—on foot, in a car, or in a boat. Flood waters can hide electrical hazards.
- Do not enter a flooded basement if outlets, appliances, or cords are water-covered.
- Do not touch electrical equipment or touch electric wires, switches, or fuses if you are wet or standing in water.

## Cleaning up after a flood also carries risk:

- Be careful around downed branches and debris, which can hide dangerous electrical equipment.
- Do not use electric yard tools if it is raining or the ground is wet.
- Repair or replace water-damaged electronics.



Call **MISS DIG**

**1-800-482-7171**

Call at least three days prior to conducting excavation on your property.



## Be aware of *overhead and underground power lines* when working on landscaping projects.

**Before digging, always call 8-1-1** to have underground utility lines marked so accidental contact, damage and injury can be avoided.

Consider the mature height of trees before planting. **A mature height of 20 feet or less** is recommended when planting in the low zone, which is 15 feet on either side of utility wires.

**Do not plant near underground utility services.** Roots can grow and interfere with underground pipes, cables and wires. Future repairs to these facilities could also damage the health and beauty of nearby plants and trees.

Visit [ghblp.org](http://ghblp.org) to learn more about **Avoiding Tree and Utility Conflicts**.

