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NEWS RELEASE

PRACTICE SAFETY DURING CLEAN UP AFTER STORM

More than 47,000 New Hampshire customer remain without power

CONCORD, N.H. – As power is restored to homes and businesses throughout New Hampshire, the New Hampshire Department of Safety’s Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) asks residents and visitors to use caution during the storm cleanup.

“Storm related threats, such as downed power lines and debris, pose a danger,” said HSEM Director Robert Buxton. “Wear protective clothing and be cautious when cleaning up to avoid injury.”

Utility crews continue to assess the damage and restore power across the state. As of 3:30 p.m. Saturday more than 47,000 customers remained without power.

Report power outages to your utility provider every 24 hours until it is restored:

Eversource	1-800-662-7764
Liberty Utilities	1-855-349-9455
NH Electric Co-Op	1-800-343-6432
Unitil	1-888-301-7700

Buxton also makes the following safety recommendations:

- Drivers should be alert for crews clearing debris and use caution.
- Never run a generator inside a building or in an enclosed space.
- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed when you lose power. An unopened refrigerator will keep cold for 4 hours and a full freezer will keep the temperature for about 48 hours. For food safety tips visit USDA.gov.
- Throw away any food that has been exposed to temperatures 40°F for 2 or more hours or that has an unusual odor, texture, or color. When in doubt, throw it out.
- If food in the freezer is colder than 40°F and has ice crystals on it, you can refreeze it.
- Contact your doctor if you are concerned about medications having spoiled.
- Don't use appliances or motors that have gotten wet unless they have been taken apart, cleaned, and dried. Some appliances keep electrical charges even after they have been unplugged.

Learn more about clean-up safety at ReadyNH.gov.

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