

Robert L. Quinn

Commissioner

## State of New Hampshire

**DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY** 

# **Division of Homeland Security** and Emergency Management

www.nh.gov/hsem



Robert M. Buxton Director

#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Thursday, March 16, 2023 Vanessa Palange Community Outreach Coordinator C: (603) 545-9499

### **NEWS RELEASE**

#### POWER OUTAGES IN NEW HAMPSHIRE CONTINUE TO DROP

CONCORD, N.H. - As of 7 a.m., about 22,000 utility customers remained without power in New Hampshire.

"If you are still without power, continue to practice power outage safety," said Robert Buxton, Director of the New Hampshire Department of Safety's Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM). "Never run a generator indoors. Stay away from any downed wires and report them to 9-1-1."

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

- Stay informed by signing up for NH Alerts and monitoring National Weather Service radio or broadcast weather reports.
- Drivers should be alert for crews clearing debris and use caution. Never drive around barriers or remove them from closed roadways.
- Use flashlights, rather than candles, for emergency lighting.
- Do not use a gas range or oven as an alternate source of heat.
- Only use a generator that has been wired to the building electrical service by a professional electrician.
- Do not run a generator in the garage, even if the door is open, because carbon monoxide can still build up to very dangerous levels, very quickly.
- Make sure your house number can be seen from the street. If you need help, emergency responders will be able to find you.
- Be ready if the heat stops working. Use extra layers of clothes and blankets to stay warm. If you use an emergency heat source, keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away.
- Turn portable heaters off when you leave the room. Also turn them off when you go to bed.

Learn more about power outage safety at ReadyNH.gov.