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STORM WARNING

The National Weather Service has issued a Winter Weather Advisory in effect from 8 p.m. this evening to 8 p.m. on Wednesday. Mixed precipitation is expected with snow and sleet accumulations up to 1 inch and between a tenth and quarter inch of ice. Ice, snow and sleet accumulation could lead to localized power outages, downed wires, and other safety hazards.

Alpena Power personnel are prepared and ready to respond to any power outages that may arise from the incoming storm.

To report a power outage call (989) 358-4900 Option 1 or to report an emergency call (989) 358-4900 Option 2.

If you see a downed power line call 911 or (989) 358-4900 **immediately**. Do not assume that because your power is out that the line is not energized. Do not approach the line, stay at least 25 feet away from the line and anything (fences, sheds, etc.) that it is touching, keep all children and pets away.

We urge all customers to remain vigilant and follow their emergency preparedness plans until the storm has fully passed. Your safety is a priority, and we appreciate your continued patience, understanding, and cooperation during this time.

- Keep all electronic devices charged.
- If you have electrically powered medical devices, such as an oxygen generator, be sure to have backup supplies on hand and have a plan to move to another location until power is restored.
- Have an emergency battery or charging station available for use during an outage.
- Have an emergency kit that includes flashlights, extra batteries, water, canned food, & blankets
- Be prepared with enough medication, baby supplies and pet foods as applicable.
- A battery-operated radio is also a good idea.

Also keep the following safety tips in mind:

- Be alert to crews working along slippery and ice-covered roads. Drivers should slow down or stop and wait for oncoming traffic to clear so they safely go past workers on roadsides.
- If using a generator, ensure they are connected properly and legally with a transfer switch so they cannot back feed into the power lines and cause danger to our crews or the public.
- Always operate a generator outdoors in a well-ventilated space