

What to Do With Electrical Issues During Texas Storms

Texas storms can bring heavy rain, lightning, and sudden power outages. When that happens, electrical systems in your home can act up in ways that feel confusing or concerning. Most of the time, the safest approach is to stay calm, avoid touching anything electrical, and do a few simple checks.

Step 1: Check if it's a wider outage

Before assuming something is wrong inside your home, see if your neighbors are also without power. If multiple homes are out, it's likely a utility issue and not something inside your house.

Step 2: Unplug sensitive electronics

If the power is flickering or goes out and comes back on, unplug items like TVs, computers, and gaming systems. This helps protect them from power surges when electricity returns.

Step 3: Avoid using water and electricity at the same time

During storms or outages, it's best to avoid using outlets near sinks, bathrooms, or outdoor areas. Water and electricity together can create safety risks.

Step 4: Check your breaker panel after the storm

If the storm passes and parts of your home still don't have power, take a quick look at your breaker panel. A breaker may have tripped during the storm. You may be able to spot one switch that is slightly out of line with the others.

Step 5: Reset only if needed

If you find a tripped breaker, you can try resetting it once. If it trips again right away, leave it alone and don't keep forcing it.

Step 6: Watch for warning signs

After storms, pay attention to:

- Flickering lights that don't stop
- Outlets that stop working
- A burning smell near outlets or panels
- Breakers that keep tripping

These can indicate a deeper electrical issue that needs attention.

What not to do:

Do not open the breaker panel cover or attempt to repair wiring yourself. Avoid plugging in multiple high-powered devices at once right after an outage.

When to call a professional:

If power doesn't fully return, breakers keep tripping, or something just feels "off" after the storm, it's worth having it checked before it turns into a bigger problem.

If you're in Magnolia or The Woodlands and dealing with electrical issues after a storm, give Dailey Company a call at 713-496-0877 and we'll take a look.