

**Electrical Safety Alert:**

**THE STORM MAY  
HAVE CREATED  
DANGEROUS  
ELECTRICAL  
HAZARDS IN  
YOUR HOME**

**Here's what you should do. ►**



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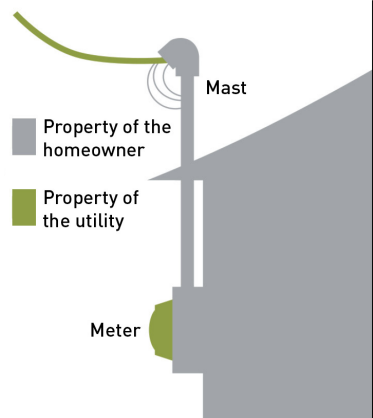
## What you should know:

Electrical equipment may belong to you and not the electrical utility. Typically, a homeowner's ownership of electrical equipment begins where the wires attach to the house. This means the wire from the pole to the house is generally the utility's, but the mast, the wires inside the mast/pipe, and wires attached to and inside the house belong to you. If this equipment is damaged, you need to arrange repairs before the utility can safely reconnect power. You should start this repair process immediately.

## What you should do:

### Always hire a Licensed Electrical Contractor to assess the situation and make the repairs

Never attempt major electrical repairs yourself or hire an unlicensed contractor. This could delay your power from being reconnected, affect insurance claims, and create safety hazards. Licensed Electrical Contractors can properly file a notification of work with ESA and arrange for reconnection of power.



## WATCH OUT FOR DOWNED POWERLINES.

If you see one, stay back at least 10 meters (33 feet or the length of a school bus) and call 911 or your local utility to report it.

For more information and safety tips or to find a Licensed Electrical Contractor near you please visit: [esasafe.com](http://esasafe.com) or call 1-877-372-7233



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