



Cleco preparing for Tropical Storm Francine

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PINEVILLE, La. – Sept. 9, 2024 (11:30 a.m.) – Cleco is closely monitoring and preparing for Tropical Storm Francine which is predicted to bring heavy rain and strong winds across Louisiana this week.

In addition to Cleco personnel, the company has secured 1,700 additional contractor resources.

“Based on the current track of Tropical Storm Francine, we’re working to increase our contractor resources. This includes line mechanics and vegetation specialists who are equipped to work on our transmission and distribution systems,” said Clint Robichaux, director of distribution operations and reliability. “We will continue to look at the intensity and path of the storm to adjust the number of workers needed to safely and efficiently clear debris, repair system damage and restore power to our customers.”

Cleco also encourages customers to prepare for Tropical Storm Francine.

“Now is the time to prepare, especially our customers in south Louisiana,” said Robichaux. “Experience has taught us that preparation can save lives and lessen damage, so we remind our customers to make preparations.”

Safety tips to follow before, during and after a storm:

- Have flashlights, a battery-powered radio and extra batteries.
- Make a list of important phone numbers and family contact numbers.
- Make sure cell phones and other devices are fully charged.
- Plan for medical or special needs.
- Operate portable generators outdoors in well-ventilated areas and plug appliances directly into generators with grounded extension cords. Never plug a generator into a wall outlet.
- Assume all downed power lines are live and stay away. Report downed power lines immediately by calling 1-800-622-6537 and 911.
- If water is rising, turn off electricity at the main breaker, evacuate and stay away until waters have completely receded.

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