

# Tips for Maintaining Utility Services Before a Storm

Dear [Recipient's Name],

As we approach the storm season, it's essential to take proactive measures to ensure the reliability of your utility services. Here are some helpful tips:

## 1. Check Your Emergency Supplies

- Ensure you have enough bottled water, non-perishable food, and a manual can opener.
- Stock up on batteries for flashlights and backup power sources for devices.

## 2. Secure Outdoor Items

- Remove and store any outdoor furniture, decorations, and trash cans.
- Trim trees and shrubs to prevent branches from causing damage.

## 3. Review Utility Contacts

- Keep a list of all utility company contact numbers handy.
- Sign up for emergency alerts and updates from your utility providers.

## 4. Know Your Shutoff Valves

- Locate your gas and water shutoff valves and ensure you know how to turn them off.
- Consider consulting a professional to assist in safeguarding your home.

## 5. Charge Devices and Backup Batteries

- Fully charge all electronic devices before the storm arrives.
- Keep portable chargers ready and functional.

By following these tips, you can help ensure that your utility services remain intact during the storm. Stay safe!

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your Contact Information]