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## **Cambridge Police Share Helpful Tips from NSTAR as Hurricane Earl Approaches**

**September 3, 2010** – In an effort to inform citizens about what they should do if they experience electrical outages due to Hurricane Earl, the Cambridge Police Department would like to pass along the following information we received from NSTAR after they officially declared an Emergency Response Plan this week:

### **IF YOUR POWER GOES OUT:**

To report a power outage, **NSTAR customers should call 1-800-592-2000.**

- **STAY AWAY FROM DOWNED WIRES.** Assume all downed wires are “live” and stay away. Call your electric company and local emergency personnel.
- Persons dependent on electrically powered life support systems should have a prearranged plan concerning power outage situations. Family members should have a list of emergency phone numbers readily available.
- Be careful never to leave open flames unattended.
- Turn off major appliances and electronics during the outage to guard against damage when the power comes back on. Leave one light switched on as a signal for when the power is restored.
- Surge protectors, which are available at local electronics stores, can protect sensitive equipment during an outage and when power is restored.

### **EMERGENCY SUPPLIES TO KEEP HANDY:**

Emergency supplies should be stored in an easy to reach area.

- **Emergency food** – be aware of the expiration dates and replace as required
- **Flashlights** – have several and place them throughout the house
- **Portable, battery-operated radio**
- **Fresh batteries** – of the correct size for flashlights and radio
- **Manual can opener**
- **First aid kit**
- **Water** – for drinking, cooking and flushing
- **Pet food**

*For more information about NSTAR or electrical safety, visit: [www.nstar.com](http://www.nstar.com).*

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