



News Release

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North Texas Storms among Oncor's Worst in History

DALLAS (June 12, 2009) – This storm ranks as one of Oncor's top three worst storms of all-time with total outages reaching in excess of 500,000 homes and businesses. As Oncor crews and contractors worked to restore power to affected customers, other homes and businesses lost power from the subsequent storm waves that followed Wednesday's initial storm.

So far, Oncor has restored power to more than 380,000 homes and businesses. At this point, less than 120,000 homes and businesses remain without power. "What made this storm so bad was the rhythmic succession of multiple waves of rain and lightning," said Charles Jenkins, Senior Vice President. The National Lightning Detection Network reported approximately 45,000 lightning strikes occurred during the multiple waves passing through the Dallas/Fort Worth area. "The safety of more than 2,600 people who are out working to restore power is our first priority, lightning compounds an already very dangerous situation in which to work safely," added Jenkins.

Because today's weather forecast calls for high temperatures and high humidity, those who remain without power should seek alternative shelter. The current projection for a full restoration could extend through the end of the weekend.

List of Oncor's Top 5 All-Time Worst Storms

<u>Storm Start Date</u>	<u>Customers Affected</u>
1. June 1, 2004	1,407,760
2. May 2, 2007	623,892
3. June 10, 2009	500,000 (current projection)
4. April 9, 2008	488,689
5. June 10, 2003	430,006

Oncor opened the System Emergency Center at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, June 10. The center will remain open around-the-clock until major repairs are completed.

Keep these safety tips in mind during severe thunderstorms:

- **If you see a downed power line, leave the area and call 9-1-1.** In addition to the downed line potentially being electrified, anything touching the power line, such as a tree branch, could also be electrified. Do not touch the power line or anything else touching it. It may not look dangerous, but it could still be energized and therefore possibly deadly. Keep pets, children and others away from the area, too.
- **Do not attempt to remove debris and tree limbs from areas near power lines.** The debris may be concealing a live wire or downed power line, a risk that could potentially injure or even kill you.
- **If a power line falls across your vehicle, call 9-1-1 and stay put until help arrives.** Your tires provide important insulation from electric current. Stepping from your car could make you part of a complete electric circuit, resulting in electric shock or even death.
- **Protect electronics and appliances by unplugging them or** installing surge protectors. Surge protectors may go out over time, so they should be replaced every so often. This is a small cost compared to the cost of replacing expensive electronics.

- **Keep an emergency kit handy** with a flashlight, battery-powered or crank radio, bottled water and extra batteries if needed. Check out www.oncor.com/safety for a storm safety kit diagram.
- **If your power goes out, don't assume the electric company knows.** Call the outage number on your electric bill to report it.
- **Exercise extreme caution if using candles** during a power outage. Always keep candles away from flammable objects and never leave them burning unattended.
- **If you need immediate, emergency help, call 9-1-1.**

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