



Disaster Supply Kit

- ❑ Water - at least 1 gallon daily per person for 3 to 7 days
- ❑ Food - at least enough for 3 to 7 days
- ❑ Blankets, pillows, etc.
- ❑ Clothing - seasonal, rain gear, sturdy shoes
- ❑ First-aid kit, prescription medicines
- ❑ Special items - for babies and the elderly
- ❑ Toiletries, hygiene items, moisture wipes
- ❑ Flashlight, batteries
- ❑ Radio - battery operated and NOAA weather radio
- ❑ Telephones - fully charged cell phone with extra battery and a traditional (not cordless) telephone set
- ❑ Cash (with some small bills) and credit cards - banks and ATMs may be closed for an extended period
- ❑ Keys
- ❑ Toys, books, games
- ❑ Important documents - insurance, medical records, bank account numbers, social security card, etc.
- ❑ Tools - keep a set with you during the storm
- ❑ Vehicle fuel tanks filled
- ❑ Pet-care items - identification, vaccination records, muzzle, leash, ample supply of food and water, medications, carrier or cage

Source: National Hurricane Center



Southern Pine is prepared for the next big storm

Southern Pine Electric Power Association assures members we are prepared for the 2006 storm season. We continuously review and update our storm plan not only during storm season but throughout the year.

Southern Pine's four-step storm plan organizes our emergency response before, during and after a storm. Below is a brief description of each step.

■ **Storm Watch:** In the days and weeks prior to a major weather event, Southern Pine's general manager, staff and employees closely monitor the development of any weather threat and prepare to deal with the event.

■ **Storm Alert:** When it appears a storm will affect Southern Pine's service area, a Storm Alert is issued. Southern Pine will begin final preparations for emergency operations and speed them to completion.

■ **Storm Response:** After the storm has passed, the District Emergency Operations Centers begin efforts to restore service while coordinating all support efforts through the Headquarters Emergency Operations Center. Damage assessment teams go out, and assistance from additional crews is arranged if necessary.

■ **Post-storm Response:** After crews restore all power, normal operations resume as much as possible. Crews correct any temporary repairs and restore distribution lines to a pre-storm state. Debris clean-up continues until completed.

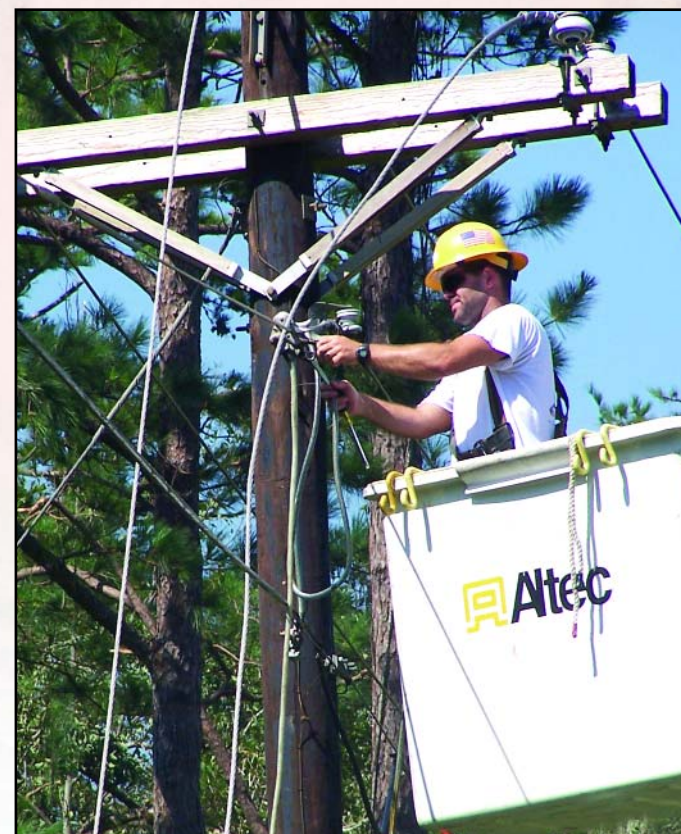
Is your family prepared?

Taking steps to prepare for a storm will help reduce the stress and problems that can accompany a hurricane or other hazardous conditions. Make a disaster supply kit based on the specific needs of your household, including medicines, pet food and cash (see more suggestions at left).

Make sure you and your loved ones understand the difference between a hurricane watch and a warning.

A hurricane watch means hurricane conditions can be expected within 36 hours.

A hurricane warning means sustained winds of at least 74 mph are expected within 24 hours. Once a warning has been issued, stay tuned to radio or television broadcasts,



2006 Hurricane Names

- **Alberto**
- **Helene**
- **Oscar**
- **Beryl**
- **Isaac**
- **Patty**
- **Chris**
- **Joyce**
- **Rafael**
- **Debby**
- **Kirk**
- **Sandy**
- **Ernesto**
- **Leslie**
- **Tony**
- **Florence**
- **Michael**
- **Valerie**
- **Gordon**
- **Nadine**
- **William**

and determine the safest location to be during the storm.

If you lose electric service, please report the outage to Southern Pine. Rest assured that our emergency storm plan will ensure an efficient response to power outages and that we will work diligently to restore your service as quickly as possible.

Bylaws outline annual meeting, election

Article III Meetings of Members

Section 3.01: Annual Meeting

For the purposes of electing directors, hearing and passing upon reports covering the previous fiscal year, and transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting, the annual meeting of the members shall be held on the second Thursday of the month of November each year, at such place in one of the counties of Mississippi within which the Association serves, and beginning at such hour, as the Board of Directors shall from year to year fix; Provided, that, for cause sufficient, the Board of Directors may fix a different date for such annual meeting not more than thirty (30) days prior or subsequent to the day otherwise established for such meeting in this Section. Failure to hold the annual meeting at the designated time and place shall not work a forfeiture or dissolution of the Association. It shall be the responsibility of the Board of Directors to make adequate plans and preparation for the annual meeting, and to encourage attendance by the membership at these meetings.

Article IV Directors

Section 4.03: Tenure and Qualifications

(a) At each annual meeting of the members, directors shall be elected by ballot, by and from the membership of the Association,

one director to be elected from each of the counties of Copiah, Covington, Newton, Scott, Simpson, Forrest, Jasper, Jefferson Davis, Smith, Lawrence and Rankin Counties, Mississippi, each director to be elected for a term of three (3) years, in accordance with the following formula, to-wit: (1) At the annual meeting of November 1984, and every three (3) years thereafter, one director shall be elected from each of the counties of Copiah, Covington, and Newton Counties, Mississippi, each of whom shall serve for a term of three (3) years from date of election as provided by law. (2) At the annual meeting of November 1985, and every three (3) years thereafter, one director shall be elected from each of the counties of Scott, Simpson, Forrest and Jasper Counties, Mississippi, each of who shall serve for a term of three (3) years from date of election as provided by law. (3) At the annual meeting of November 1986, and every three (3) years thereafter, one director shall be elected from each of the counties of Jefferson Davis, Smith, Lawrence and Rankin Counties, Mississippi, each of whom shall serve for a term of three (3) years from date of election as provided by law. If the election of directors shall not be held at the annual meeting or if such annual meeting is not held, each director shall hold office until their successors shall have been elected and qualified. (b) At any meeting, ballots shall not be necessary in the event the number of persons nominated for directors does not exceed the number of directors to be elected, but in such case if there be no objection, the directors may be elected in any other proper manner. Draw-

ing by lot shall resolve, where necessary, any tie votes. If an election of directors shall not be held on the day designated for the annual meeting, a special meeting of the members may be held for the purpose of electing directors within a reasonable time thereafter. (c) No person or non-natural person as described in subsection (e) of this section shall be eligible to become or remain a director or to hold any position of trust in the Association who is not an active member in good standing of the Association, has not been a bona fide resident of the county from which they are to be elected for six months immediately preceding the nomination to directorship, or who is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise. (d) No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director who has been finally convicted of a felony or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude. (e) In order to be eligible to become or remain a director of the Association, a person must be a member of the Association and receiving service therefrom, and not be a close relative as defined in Section 4.08 of an incumbent director, or the director being replaced. However, the operating or chief executive of any member which is not a natural person, such as a corporation, church, etc., or its designees, shall, notwithstanding that they do not receive service from the Association, be eligible to become a director, from the county in which such member is located, if they or such designee (1) is in substantial permanent occupancy, direction or use of the premises served by the Association, and (2) is a permanent resident within the county where such member is served by the Association; provided further, that no more than one (1) such person may serve on the Board of Directors at the same time. When a membership is held jointly by a husband and wife, either one but not both may be elected a director. (f) No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of, or to hold any other position of trust in the Association, unless such person has the legal capacity to enter into a binding contract. (f)-(1) No employee of the association shall be eligible to become or remain a director of the association. (g) Upon establishment of the fact that a nominee for director lacks eligibility under this Section or as may be provided elsewhere in these bylaws, it shall be the duty of the chair presiding at the meeting at which nominee would be otherwise voted upon to disqualify such nominee. Upon the establishment of the fact that any person being considered for, or already hold-

ing, a directorship or other position of trust in the Association lacks eligibility under this Section, it shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to withhold such position from such person, or to cause them to be removed therefrom, as the case may be. (h) Nothing in this section contained shall, or shall be construed to, affect in any manner whatsoever, the validity of any action taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors, unless such action is taken with respect to a matter which is affected by the provisions of this section and in which one or more of the directors have an intent adverse to that of the Association.

Section 4.04: Committee on Nominations, Credentials and Elections

(a) Committee on Nominations. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to appoint, at its regular August meeting of each year, a committee on nominations consisting of not less than 5 nor more than 11 members who shall be selected so as to insure equitable geographic representation. No existing Association employees, agents, officers, directors or known candidates for director may serve on such committee. The committee shall receive and consider nominees submitted by members of the Association. The committee shall meet at a time and place set by the Board of Directors. The committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Association within fifteen (15) days after the date of their appointment a list of nominations for directors. The Secretary shall mail with the notice of the membership meeting a statement of the number of directors to be elected and showing separately those candidates nominated by the Committee on Nominations and those candidates nominated by petitions which have been received on or prior to the second Thursday of September of the year of such members meeting. Any 50 members acting together may make nominations by petition and the Secretary shall post such nominations at the same place where the list of nominations by the committee is posted. Any petition for nomination shall be submitted on a form designated and provided by the Association. Each member signing such petition shall place thereon the date of signing, address, and account number of the member. At the membership meeting, the chairman shall call for additional nominations from the floor. No member may nominate more than one candidate.

Community Calendar

Puckett-fest, July 8

The annual Puckett-fest celebration, sponsored by the mayor and board of aldermen, will be held at the Puckett Town Ballpark. This is a day to display talent, skills and hobbies, and an opportunity for schools, churches and civic groups to raise funds. Events will include a parade at 9 a.m., softball tournament, talent show, tractor exhibit, Little Ms. and Mr. Puckett-fest competition, blood drive, vendors, fire department cook-out and homemade ice cream. Puckett Town Hall will serve free watermelon. For details, call Shirlee Stribling, festival organizer, at (601) 825-0832.

Mize Watermelon Festival, July 21-22

The 28th annual Mize Watermelon Festival will be held in Mize City Park. Events will include a morning parade, watermelon games, arts and crafts, largest-watermelon contest, entertainment, food (including watermelon) and a "Blessing of the Bikes." For details, call (601) 733-5647 or (601) 733-2218. All proceeds go to the Mize Volunteer Fire Department.