

Hurricane Preparedness

In the event of a hurricane, CUC will continue to supply power as long as possible. When the winds reach hurricane force, it will be necessary to shutdown our North Sound Road Power Plant for the duration of the storm in the interest of public safety.

Preparing for a Hurricane :

- » Always ensure that trees and branches on your property are maintained and grow away from power lines. Trees or branches that grow over 10 feet away from power lines can be trimmed by landscapers. **Do not attempt to cut trees or branches that grow within 10 feet of power lines.** Only qualified personnel approved by CUC should trim trees or branches within 10 feet of power lines. Contact **Duane Wood** at **914-1229** or e-mail dwood@cuc.ky for assistance.
- » Replenish your stock of batteries and check flashlights, battery lanterns and radios.
- » Keep a 'C' type fire extinguisher in your home and office. **NEVER** attempt to extinguish an electrical fire with water - you could be electrocuted.
- » Severe lightning typically accompanies a hurricane. Turn off the main breaker and unplug appliances to prevent unnecessary electrical damage.



- » CUC has an **Emergency Preparedness Committee** and action will be taken by our staff to restore service to our customers as soon as possible after the storm.



To report or obtain information on power outages, call **945-1CUC**. In the event of an electrical emergency, please call **911** immediately.

After a Hurricane has passed :

- » If at night, **DO NOT** venture out into the dark as the downed power lines could still be energised.
- » **DO NOT** touch fallen or low-hanging power lines under any circumstances. Stay as far away as possible. **DO NOT** touch or attempt to move objects in contact with power lines. Always assume the lines are energised.
- » **DO NOT** turn on your main breaker until you ensure that the secondary (individual) breakers are off. Once you switch on the main breaker, turn on the secondary breakers one at a time to check for electrical faults. If a fault is detected, turn off the main breaker immediately and contact an electrician.

Information :

- » Information on shelters and weather alerts may be obtained from the Hazard Management Cayman Islands' website at www.caymanprepared.ky. In addition, the Cayman Compass and The Cayman Reporter annually produce Hurricane Supplements and include them in their June newspapers, which contain valuable information.
- » Closely monitor the local TV and radio stations for weather updates or visit www.weatherincayman.com, www.wunderground.com/tropical, www.nhc.noaa.gov and www.weather.com.

Remember, hurricanes are serious natural destructive forces and preparedness is the key to survival. We encourage you to take the necessary steps to protect your family and your property when storms are imminent!