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Stay Safe with Natural Gas this Hurricane Season

If expert predictions of extreme activity come to bear this Atlantic hurricane season, power outages are inevitable. Take the opportunity before the Hurricane Season begins on June 1 to prepare by selecting the appropriate energy source for your home or business: the direct use of natural gas. The Lake Apopka Natural Gas District (LANGD) team is here to help you prepare for whatever the 2024 hurricane season may bring.

Unlike an all-electric model, natural gas is delivered through an underground pipeline right to your home or business, ensuring high reliability during storms. That's why so many essential services like hospitals, nursing homes and emergency response stations depend on natural gas – when every second counts, losing power is simply not an option. You and your family will appreciate having resilient and reliable natural gas to stay safe and comfortable.

Don't wait for a storm to hit before creating a plan; consider making the switch to reliable natural gas before it's too late as service installation can take up to 60 business days. Not only will you find peace of mind during an active hurricane season, but you'll also enjoy lower monthly utility bills – on average, homeowners can save up to 30% on their monthly expenses when they switch from all-electric to an energy mix that includes natural gas appliances.

Our system is designed to withstand extreme weather, providing uninterrupted service and safety during severe storms for things like cooking and heating water. Many natural gas appliances can still function during power outages, with some featuring safety valves that automatically shut off gas flow if the pilot light goes out. For safety purposes, only authorized utility or emergency personnel should turn your meter valve on or off, and you should not use any natural gas appliances that may have been damaged or flooded in a storm.

When hurricane-force winds knock out power lines, first responders become lifelines. Firefighters and police officers rely on natural gas to keep their radios and call centers powered to receive emergency calls and coordinate rescue efforts. Hospitals are able to power essential medical equipment, including those needed for critical surgeries. But even with these reliable services in place, a hurricane demands a proactive approach. Taking steps to prepare your family beforehand can make a world of difference.

If you are in a hurricane's path, the Federal Emergency Management Agency advises to have an evacuation plan, secure your home by removing any loose items that could become dangerous projectiles and compile an emergency kit with flashlights, batteries, non-perishable food, water, medications and first-aid supplies.

Make the switch to resilient and reliable natural gas and find peace of mind in the face of any challenge Mother Nature may bring. Contact our marketing team for more information at (407) 656-2734 x307, marketing@langd.org or visit www.langd.org.

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