## **Preparing For an Emergency**

- Have an emergency kit ready
- Include flashlights with extra batteries and bottled water
- Sign up for weather alerts
- Charge your cellphone and other important electronic devices, like a power bank
- Turn your refrigerator to the coldest setting. If there's a power outage, food will stay cooler longer.
- If it looks like power outage will continue for more than a day, prepare a cooler with ice for frozen foods
- Fill your gas tank/charge your electric vehicle
- Turn off and unplug unnecessary electrical equipment or make sure they are protected by a surge protector
- Prepare your home generator by filling it with gas and purchasing additional gas
- Register your electrically operated medical equipment with Ameren Illinois