

Review of Electric Utility Hurricane Preparedness and Restoration Actions

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Category : Power restoration time

Comments : One of the two most important necessities after a storm is electric power. Florida has a disproportionate number of seniors needing 24/7 power either for medical equipment and/or air conditioning. I would die without it and had a difficult time during Irma even though I had evacuated to a "special needs shelter". When power went out the generator kicked in but then the air conditioner failed. I had to sleep without air which challenged my ability to breathe. I was fortunate to have power restored to my home by Mon. night but others were without for two weeks or more. I have stage 4 emphysema and was one of many at the shelter who suffered from severe respiratory conditions who weren't as lucky as I was to return to a house that had regained power. I am sure that there were many more people other than the ones in Ft. Lauderdale nursing home who died during or after the storm as a result of that power loss. I believe that burying power lines would all but eliminate the problem.