

# Stay safe during storm season

*We're in the heat of summer, which often means severe weather, thunderstorms and lightning.*

## When thunder roars, go indoors!

If the sky looks threatening or you hear thunder, even in the distance, immediately seek shelter. The safest place during a thunder and lightning storm is in an enclosed permanent building or metal-topped vehicle with all doors and windows closed. Outdoor tents or gazebos will not keep you safe from a lightning strike.

**Remember:** Stay inside for at least 30 minutes after the thunder stops.

For more information on how to stay safe this summer, check out [ppl electric.com/SummerStorms](http://ppl electric.com/SummerStorms).

*Source: lightning-safety-council.org*

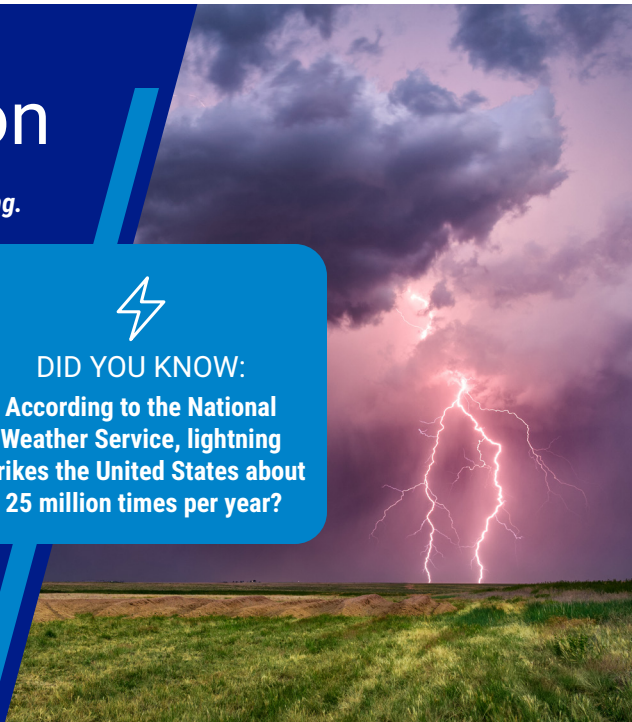


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**DID YOU KNOW:**


**According to the National Weather Service, lightning strikes the United States about 25 million times per year?**



# Surge and Protect

**Storms and year-round lightning strikes can cause power surges. Help protect your home and electronics with surge protection solutions.**

ISSUE	SOLUTION
 Power surge	Point-of-use surge protection devices.
 A power surge, or a spike in voltage, can damage sensitive electrical equipment in your home.	Individual surge protectors protect the appliances or electronics directly plugged into the device. Surge protectors are different than general power strips. Make sure you have the right device to safeguard your personal items.
 The most powerful surges are caused by lightning.	They don't prevent a power surge, but instead shift the spike in voltage to the ground, shielding your electronics from the surge.

 No surge protection device can handle a direct lightning strike. If you see signs of lightning, the best way to prevent damage to your appliances and electronics is to unplug them entirely.

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