

KIUC Prepares for Possible Outages Due to High Winds

Līhu'e, Kaua'i, HI – 12/20/19 - Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative (KIUC) is prepared for potential outages caused by the high winds that are expected to affect Kaua'i and the rest of Hawai'i through Saturday.

“Our staff is ready to respond should outages occur and we ask that everyone please be patient,” said KIUC’s President and Chief Executive Officer, David Bissell. “Safety is a priority and we will send our troubleshooters out **as weather conditions permit.**”

KIUC members can prepare themselves for the impacts of high winds and possible power outages as follows:

- Protect your appliances and sensitive equipment from power outages and surges that may occur because of bad weather by using surge protectors
- During a storm turn off and unplug all unnecessary appliances or equipment
- Be sure your property is secure, remove any dead trees or overhanging branches near structures and tie down loose objects that could be blown away
- Keep a portable battery-powered radio and flashlights on hand with extra batteries
- In case of loss of power, when the power comes back on and is steady, gradually plug in your appliances
- In the event of high winds, objects can come into contact with overhead lines and electrical equipment causing power interruptions. Sometimes during high winds power lines are knocked down. If you see any lines from utility poles on the ground stay at least 30 feet clear, assume that they are dangerous and call 911.

Storm preparedness tips can be found on KIUC’s website: www.kiuc.coop under the “community” tab. General emergency preparedness information can be found on the Kaua'i Emergency Management Agency’s website: www.kauai.gov/KEMA.

Members can track current outages on KIUC’s outage map on the website, with additional information offered on the KIUC Facebook page. For those who don’t have a Facebook account, the feed can be viewed on the home page of the cooperative’s website.

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