

## Electric Service

If you are considering the disconnection of your electrical service due to a high water or flood event, take into consideration the following:

- You may want to retain the electrical service as long as possible if you are utilizing a sump pump to eliminate water infiltration.

Also keep in mind, our local electricity provider, PPL, has the following procedures in place for a high water event.

- During an event, PPL contractors will go door to door pulling the electrical meters and sealing them to eliminate water infiltration. (Once the event is over, an inspection of the service is required prior reconnection).
- If the event is believed to be disastrous, the electrical services will be disconnected overhead at the utility pole. (Again, the service would require an inspection prior to reconnection).

Be advised, all electrical equipment beyond the service meter is the property and responsibility of the owner.

If you wish to disconnect your electrical service you may do so by tripping the main breaker at the disconnect box



(if you have one) or at the main breaker of the service panel box.

**DO NOT** attempt to turn off your power if there is standing water in the location of the panel box or disconnect.

You may call PPL at 1-800-dial-ppl and request an emergency disconnect.

In the near future, PPL will be able to remotely disconnect any service 200 amperes or less during an emergency.



## Sewer Service

When a high water or flooding event occurs, it is very possible for flood waters to infiltrate the sewer system which may cause a backup into your home.

The best recourse to eliminate the possibility of this occurrence is to install a backflow preventer in your sewer lateral on the outside of the structure. Be sure it is installed in an area that is accessible for any future maintenance.

If this is not feasible due to location or cost, you could consider installing air plugs or screw plugs in drains to keep any backups from taking place.

Other methods would be utilizing sandbags or flood sacks to assist in the prevention of back up.



Another tip offered by the Wastewater Superintendent is to eliminate any unused floor drains as this is the fixture most prone to backup.