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Be ready for storm season

Preparedness is the best defense

Warmer months are on our doorstep and like many of you, we're looking forward to more opportunities to be outdoors. Summertime brings many favorite activities like cooking out with family and friends, spending time working in the garden and simply slowing down a bit to enjoy life. Unfortunately, it can also create the perfect conditions for severe storms.

Flint Energies' crews are always prepared and standing by to respond should power outages occur in our area. When severe storms cause power disruptions, our line crews take all necessary precautions before they get to work on any downed lines.

We would encourage you to also practice safety and preparedness to protect your family during storms and outages.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency recommends the items below as a starting point for storm and disaster preparedness, but you can visit www.ready.gov for additional resources.

- Stock your pantry with a three-day supply of non-perishable food, including canned goods, energy bars, peanut

butter, powdered milk, instant coffee, water and other essentials (i.e., diapers and toiletries).

- Ensure your first aid kit is stocked with pain relievers, bandages and other medical essentials, and make sure your prescriptions are current.
- Set aside basic household items you will need, including flashlights, batteries, a manual can opener and portable, battery-powered radio or TV.
- Organize emergency supplies so they are easily accessible in one location. In the event of a prolonged power outage, turn off major appliances, TVs, computers and other sensitive electronics. This will help avert damage from potential power surges and will also help prevent overloading circuits during power restoration. That said, do leave one light on so you will know when power is restored.

If you plan to use a portable generator, make sure it's rated to handle the amount of power you will need, and always review the manufacturer's instructions to operate it safely.

Listen to local news or a NOAA Weather Radio for storm and emergency information, and check Flint Energies'

Facebook page and online outage center at flintenergies.com/outage for restoration updates.

Severe storms can occasionally bring down power lines. If you see a downed line, always assume it's energized and never approach it. If flooding occurs, never walk through areas where power lines could be submerged.

Advance planning for severe storms or other emergencies can reduce stress and anxiety caused by the weather event and lessen the impact of the storm's effects.

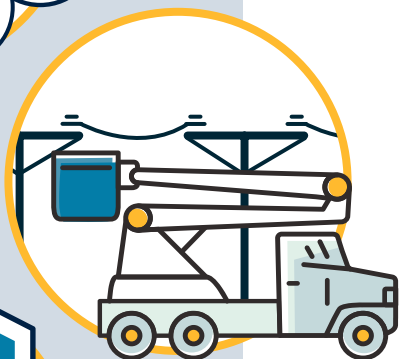
If you experience an outage, please don't report it on Facebook. Call our outage reporting number at 1.888.354.6836 or report it through Flint's mobile app—this is the fastest way to let us know if your power is out.

We hope we don't experience severe storms over the spring and summer months, but we can never predict Mother Nature's plans.

At Flint Energies, we recommend that you make a plan today—because storm preparedness is always our best defense.

Grid Power Players

Electricity is available with the flip of a switch, but it travels great distances and is coordinated among multiple entities before it reaches your home or business. Take a look at the grid power players that ensure you receive reliable electricity.



1. Generation owners and operators

Power plants can be owned and operated by electric utilities, government entities or other private companies. Power plants produce electricity by converting energy from various sources—like natural gas, coal, nuclear, or renewables—into electricity.

2. Transmission system owners and operators

The transmission grid moves large amounts of electricity over long distances using high-voltage transmission lines attached to large towers. Like power plants, these lines can be owned by a variety of public and private companies.

3. Organized wholesale markets

In many parts of the country, Regional Transmission Organizations (RTOs) & Independent System Operators (ISOs) coordinate the flow of electricity across regions by balancing supply and demand in real time and managing the dispatch of electric generation and transmission across large areas with the participation of generation and transmission owners.

4. Electric utilities (That's Us!)

Electric distribution utilities, like Flint Energies, take electricity from the transmission system and deliver it to homes and businesses through lower-voltage distribution lines. They also maintain local power lines, poles and other essential equipment.

5. End users (That's You!)

End users consist of the homes, businesses and industries that consume electricity. Their demand drives how much electricity is generated and how the grid is managed in real time.

Sparking innovation in the classroom

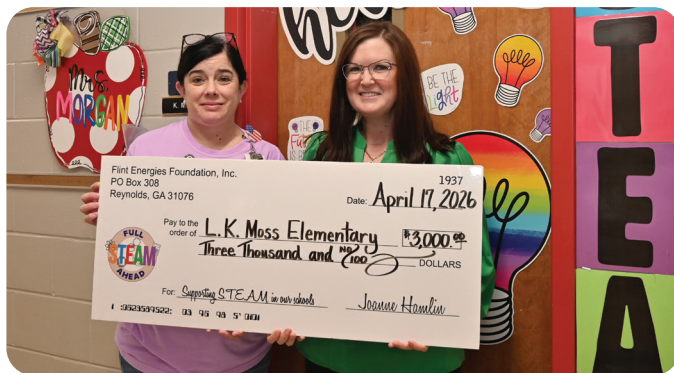


Flint Energies and its philanthropic arm, the Flint Energies Foundation, awarded \$6,000 in educational grants to two schools in our service territory for creative and innovative STEAM projects for the Co-op's Full STEAM Ahead program.

For the 2025-26 school year, two \$3,000 grants were awarded to L.K. Moss Elementary School in Buena Vista and Pearl Stephens Elementary in Warner Robins.

“Flint Energies supports education through the Full STEAM Ahead program by providing much-needed funds to educators and schools,” says Blair Brown, Youth and Education Specialist. “We believe in the importance of introducing STEAM-based projects and activities to children of all ages, with hopes of encouraging their interests and creating career goals.”

In January, Flint Energies and the Foundation invited school administrators from pre-K through 12th grade at public or private schools located in the Co-op's service territory to apply for the grant. By the March 9 deadline, the Cooperative had received 27 applications. A panel of retired educators and community STEAM professionals judged and reviewed the blind applications. The top-scoring project ideas were funded. All grant money for this program comes from unclaimed capital credits designated for educational programs.



L.K. Moss Elementary (Marion County)

Project: Wired for Success: Sparking Curiosity in STEAM with Snap Circuits

The Snap Circuits project will enhance the K–5 STEAM curriculum by providing students with engaging, hands-on opportunities to explore electricity, engineering, and design through interactive learning stations. Using Snap Circuits kits, students will build and troubleshoot electronic devices such as alarms, fans, and motor-powered machines while developing foundational knowledge of circuits, energy transformation, and electrical systems. By working collaboratively to test, improve, and refine their projects, students will build confidence, resilience, and a deeper understanding of how technology and engineering impact everyday life.



Pearl Stephens Elementary (Houston County)

Project: STEMade Lemonade

The STEMade Lemonade project is an inclusive, hands-on initiative that gives students in grades 3–5 engaging STEAM learning experiences through the creation and operation of a student-led lemonade stand. Students with intellectual disabilities will collaborate alongside their general education peers to plan, design, and manage the stand while applying academic concepts, problem-solving, communication, teamwork, and functional life skills in a meaningful real-world environment. By connecting classroom learning to authentic experiences, the project encourages collaboration, creativity, critical thinking, and real-world application of skills while fostering an inclusive environment where all students can contribute and succeed.



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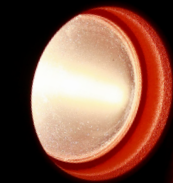
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DON'T BE LEFT IN THE DARK



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In times of widespread outages, Flint Energies receives thousands of calls at once. Our automated system uses caller ID information sent from your phone to quickly find your account information. If we have your correct number on file, we can access your account information as soon as your call is received.

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