



## **Winter Storms & Power Safety**

As you prepare for winter and brace yourself for winter storms, make sure you are aware of your surroundings whenever venturing outside. Heavy winds, snowfall, and ice are capable of knocking down utility poles and powerlines.

If you encounter a downed line, be sure to stay at least 35 feet back, which is about three car lengths. Do not touch the power line or anything in contact with the line. If others are around, warn them to stay away, then call 911 or SMU. Always consider all downed lines live and dangerous.