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Public Safety Message- Downed Power Lines
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Carteret County, NC – The County is still experiencing inclement weather from Hurricane Dorian. We encourage citizens to remain safe and stay inside.

The Emergency Operations Center received several reports of downed powerlines and trees. According to the utility companies, there are about 42,000 customers without power. We urge residents to use the following precautions with downed power lines.

- Always assume that a downed power line is live.
- If you see a downed power line, move away from the line and anything that may be touching it. Even materials like wood or cloth, if slightly wet, can conduct electricity and then electrocute you.
- If you see someone who is in direct or indirect contact with a downed power line, DO NOT TOUCH the person; call 911 instead.
- Watch where you are walking so as to not to put your feet near water where a downed power line is located.

If power has been lost, residents should use the following safety precautions for food safety. As a general rule, discard any perishable food, such as meat, poultry, fish, eggs, and leftovers, which have been above 40 °F for over 2 hours. You should have appliance thermometers in your refrigerator and freezer so you can check to ensure the freezer temperature is at or below 0 °F and the refrigerator is at or below 40 °F. Learn more at www.foodsafety.gov

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