



City of Aztec

PRESS RELEASE

Wednesday, March 20, 2019
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

TOPIC: **City Wide Power Outage**

LOCATION: All City of Aztec Electric Customers

DATE/TIME: Saturday Night, April 27th at 10:00p.m. until Sunday Morning, April 28th at 6:00a.m.

To provide you with consistently reliable electric service, the City of Aztec and City of Farmington Electric Utility System must maintain its electrical transmission and distribution equipment. To perform this maintenance safely, we must turn off the power to the entire City.

The outage will affect **ALL** City of Aztec electric customers on Saturday, April 27, 2019, 10:00 p.m. until Sunday, April 28th, 2019 at 6:00 a.m.

What work has to be done? Specifically, work will be performed by the Aztec Electric Department and Farmington Electric Utility crews.

1. Aztec electric crews will be working on a HIGH VOLTAGE transmission switch at the Light Plant substation.
2. Aztec crews will be working in several areas throughout the City maintaining lines.
3. Farmington Electric Utility crews will be maintaining and repairing the HIGH VOLAGE transmission lines between Bloomfield and Aztec.

Attention: Customers requiring electricity for medical equipment need to make appropriate arrangements to ensure their welfare during this outage.

Listed below are items to help you be better prepared for this power outage:

- Set a wake up alarm using a device or clock not requiring electricity such as a wind up alarm clock or your mobile device.
- Charge your portable electrical devices like cell phones, laptops, etc.
- Avoid opening your refrigerator and freezer as much as possible during this outage. Your food will stay cold for hours if the door is left closed.
- Your hot water heater, even if it is electric, will stay warm for a few hours.
- If you have a generator, do not connect it to your home's power system unless it has been properly installed by an electrician with the ability to disconnect your home from the City's power grid when it is operating.
- Your electric garage door will not open. If you need to open your garage door during this outage you will need to disengage the motor operator.
- If you have to go out, drive carefully. Remember that traffic signals will not be operational during this power outage. Treat intersections like a four-way stop.
- We appreciate your patience while we complete this maintenance work.
- Power may be restored earlier than as announced if work is completed ahead of schedule.

Please contact the Aztec Utility Office for more information at 505-334-7670 or the Electric Department at 505-334-7667.