

The City of Pontiac has about 800 residents without power. DTE has all crews in the field and are still assessing damage to get a closer eta times for repairs. Currently, they project 80% by Saturday and everyone by Sunday.



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Back-to-back Severe Storms; Public Safety Top Priority

Over the last two nights, Michigan has experienced two waves of extreme weather. The first storm struck on Wednesday night, bringing heavy rainfall, area flooding, and strong wind gusts. Then, only 24 hours later, supercell thunderstorms with wind gusts topping at 70mph and tornado activity tore across Michigan, along with Ohio and Pennsylvania. The aftermath resulted in significant flooding, property damage across our state, and fallen trees and power lines that caused power disruptions. Our storm response team has been in the field securing downed power lines, evaluating the extent of the damage, and restoring power for our customers.

We know how hard this extreme weather has been on Michiganders and understand how challenging and disruptive power outages can be for you and your constituents. Please know that we are committed to restoring power for our customers as quickly and safely as possible.

Safety will always be our top priority, especially after a major storm. We urge all customers to be extremely cautious outdoors, especially with children and pets. Electrical wires fell during these storms and may be hidden in debris in backyards or public spaces – *always consider wires live and dangerous.*

Crews Are Already Out in the Community Securing Downed Lines and Restoring Power

- The first storm on Wednesday night resulted in ~50,000 customer outages.
- In less than 24 hours, we restored more than 85% of customers impacted by Wednesday night's storm and will continue to restore power to the remaining customers.
- The second storm on Thursday night resulted in ~200,000

customer outages.

- A diverse DTE team, from our accounting department to our Gas company, is in the field securing the ~1,100 reported downed wires to ensure public safety.
- In addition to our employee base, we have secured an additional ~500 crew members from outside DTE's area to expedite our restoration efforts.
- We estimate to restore power to 80% of affected storm customers by the end of the day on Saturday (8/26) and all remaining outages by the end of the day on Sunday (8/27).

Please Remember to Keep Safety Top of Mind



- **Be careful as you head outside** – live downed wire can be covered up or out of sight after falling. Be mindful of supervising children and pets outdoors.
- **Always consider wires live and dangerous** – please remember to stay 25 feet from downed wires and anything in contact with those wires.
- **Stay away from fallen trees or branches** – they could have brought down a wire. Downed wires can look like sticks, so don't pick any up.
- **Report outages or down wires** – Call 800-477-4747, visit outage.dteenergy.com/report-outage, click below, or use the DTE Energy mobile app to report an outage.
- **DO NOT CROSS YELLOW CAUTION TAPE** – everyone should also heed the warning of yellow caution tape, indicating a downed power line in the area.
 - Never use portable generators inside a home or business – they emit carbon monoxide, which can be deadly. Keep it outside, away from windows and doors.