Severe Storms Renew Focus on Home Electrical Safety Checks

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Following a tornado outbreak that struck northern Illinois and northwest Indiana this week, home services providers are reporting increased interest from homeowners seeking inspections of electrical systems, HVAC equipment, and plumbing affected by high winds and power disruptions. Goodberlet Home Services, which provides HVAC, plumbing, and electrical services across the Chicagoland area, said severe weather events of this kind often cause damage that is not immediately visible to homeowners.

The National Weather Service confirmed multiple strong tornadoes moved through northern Illinois and northwest Indiana, an area that includes much of Goodberlet's service territory across Chicagoland, Kankakee, and surrounding communities. Power outages and voltage fluctuations associated with severe storms can damage electrical panels, HVAC compressors, and water heater components, sometimes without producing obvious warning signs until the equipment fails later.

Goodberlet Home Services said its technicians have fielded calls from homeowners reporting flickering lights, tripped breakers, and HVAC systems that stopped responding normally after the storms passed through the region. The company recommends that homeowners in affected areas have their electrical panels and major

systems inspected, particularly if a power surge or outage occurred during the storms.

"After a major storm system moves through, the damage isn't always something you can see right away," said a representative of Goodberlet Home Services. "A surge that trips a breaker can also stress the components inside a furnace, air conditioner, or water heater, and catching that early can prevent a bigger repair down the road."

The company, which has operated in the Chicagoland region for more than four decades, provides residential and commercial services including HVAC installation and repair, plumbing, water heater service, and electrical system inspections and upgrades. Goodberlet Home Services holds accreditation as a Lennox Premier Dealer and is an A-rated member of the Better Business Bureau, and the company offers 24/7 emergency repair services for households dealing with storm-related issues.

Goodberlet Home Services said its emergency response teams are prioritizing calls from customers without functioning HVAC systems or electrical service following the storms, and that technicians are also available to perform broader system inspections for homeowners who want to confirm their equipment was not affected. The company operates locations in Oakbrook Terrace, Kankakee, and Muncie, Indiana, and serves residential and commercial customers throughout the surrounding communities.

The company said power surges associated with severe storms are among the most common causes of unexpected HVAC and appliance failures in the days and weeks following a major weather event. When power is restored after an outage, the sudden return of electricity can create a voltage spike that affects sensitive components inside furnaces, air conditioning compressors, and electrical panels. In some cases, this damage does not cause an immediate failure but instead shortens the lifespan of the affected equipment or causes it to fail during the next period of heavy use.

Goodberlet Home Services said homeowners can take a few steps to reduce the risk of storm-related damage to home systems, including having electrical panels inspected for signs of arcing or overheating, checking that HVAC systems are cycling normally after a power outage, and confirming that sump pumps and water heaters are functioning properly if flooding occurred during the storms. The company said its technicians are trained to identify early signs of electrical and mechanical stress that may not be apparent to homeowners during a routine visual inspection.

The company also noted that homeowners enrolled in its Preventative Maintenance Agreement program receive priority scheduling for inspections following severe weather events, as part of the program's broader focus on identifying potential issues before they result in system failures. Goodberlet Home Services said it has expanded technician availability in the days following the storms to accommodate increased demand for inspections across its Chicagoland, Kankakee, and Muncie service areas.

Goodberlet Home Services has built its reputation over more than four decades of service to residential and commercial customers in the region, with accreditations including status as a Lennox Premier Dealer, a Weil-McLain Boiler Certified Contractor, and a Peerless Boiler Certified Contractor. The company holds an A+ rating with the Better Business Bureau and reports serving more than 15,000 customers annually across Chicagoland and Indiana. Its technicians are licensed and insured to perform HVAC, plumbing, and electrical work for both residential and commercial properties.

Homeowners affected by the recent severe weather who want to schedule an inspection of their HVAC, plumbing, or electrical systems can find more information by visiting Goodberlet Home Services's website.

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