

Evergy restores more than 85% of customers after overnight storm

Significant tree, pole damage remains in some communities

Kansas City, MO – August 15, 2024 - Evergy crews have restored power to more than 85% of customers impacted by the line of storms that moved across Kansas late Wednesday night into early Thursday morning.

A total of 37,000 customers lost power during the storm. As of 3:30 p.m., fewer than 5,000 customers remain without power.

The most significant damage from the storm impacted the Topeka, Wichita, Leavenworth, and Newton areas. In Topeka, winds exceeding 80 mph toppled trees and poles, and caused extensive damage to the power grid. Restoration for some customers is expected to take until Friday evening. In the town of Sedgwick, Evergy crews are working to replace nearly two dozen poles. Restoration work there will take until Friday. Customers in other areas are expected to be restored by tonight.

Evergy crews from surrounding communities are working to assist with power restoration in those areas. Additional teams continue to canvass damaged areas, ensuring vegetation and line crews arrive with the right equipment for local repairs.

As restoration work continues, customers should prioritize safety. If you see a downed line, stay at least 30 feet away from it. Assume all downed lines are energized. Report it at <http://www.evergy.com/powerlinesafety>. In an emergency, notify 9-1-1.

Customers can also download the Evergy mobile app to report an outage and receive updates.

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