

Evergy restores two-thirds of customers following overnight storm

Kansas City, MO – August 15, 2024 - Evergy crews are currently in the field restoring power after a line of storms moved across Kansas late Wednesday night into early Thursday morning.

Outage numbers peaked at about 1:30 a.m. with 28,000 customers out. Crews began repairs as soon as it was safe to do so and have restored power to nearly two-thirds of customers. As of 8 a.m., fewer than 10,000 customers are without power.

The most significant damage from the storm impacted the Topeka, Wichita, Leavenworth and Newton areas. Evergy crews from surrounding communities are arriving this morning to assist with power restoration in those areas. Initial damage reports include broken poles, downed wires, and trees in powerlines.

While line crews restore power, additional teams are assessing damage. They help ensure that vegetation and line crews arrive with equipment needed for local repairs, making power restoration more efficient.

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>.

Call 911 in an emergency.

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

Evergy prioritizes outages to first restore service to public safety facilities, and then based on restoring power to the most customers, which means repairing main lines and then focusing work based on the number of customers affected by individual outages.

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