



PROTECT YOUR HOME AGAINST ELECTRICAL SURGE

Electrical surges happen very frequently. When appliances in your home are turned on and off, for example, surges can occur. Each time a surge occurs, damage to sensitive electronic or electrical appliances can accumulate, weakening the appliance components until they finally fail.

You can install lightning rods to protect against damage to your home. In addition, there are a couple of ways you can protect what you own. You can guard against “little surges” and even provide some protection against lightning damage to your home and contents:

- Install a surge protection device at your electrical meter or distribution panel (breaker box or fuse box). These devices give you some protection against surges that may affect your entire home, such as lightning strikes that travel down your electrical service lines.
- Buy plug-in surge protection devices for sensitive electronic devices to protect against the smaller surges that occur when you turn electrical devices on or off.

Here are some points to look for in the plug-in surge protection you buy:

- A surge protector is NOT the same thing as a power strip! Make sure what you're buying is a surge protector.
- The surge protector should be listed to UL Standard 1449.
- There should be protection for all of the external lines that connect to the appliance—for example, telephone modem connection or coaxial cables from satellite or cable TV.



- A manufacturer's warranty guaranteeing replacement of the item to which the surge protector is connected is a good sign of a better quality surge protector.
- Look for clamping voltage of between 330 and 500 volts in the surge protector you buy. Also look for at least 1800 joules.
- Surge protectors have a limited lifespan. Purchase a surge protector that has an indicator light or audible alarm to let you know when it is time to replace the unit.

Lightning and other surge losses can be very expensive!

Protect your home against them.

State Farm does not endorse or guarantee any particular brand of surge protection device. Check with a contractor or supplier if you have questions about an appropriate device for your situation.

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