

# Power Facts

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## Be prepared for summer storms.

The summer is well-known for thunderstorms and hurricanes. Here are some tips to help you and your family deal with stormy weather.

### To prepare:

- Check the weather forecast and tune in to a NOAA weather radio.
- Keep cell phones and other essential battery-operated devices charged.
- Check your disaster supplies to ensure you have bottled water, non-perishable food, first-aid supplies, clothing, sanitation supplies, battery-operated radio and flashlights, extra batteries and other necessary items.
- Lower your thermostat setting to cool your house in case your power is interrupted.
- Find safe shelter in a sturdy building, away from windows and doors. For a tornado, the safest place is usually on the lowest level in a small room.

### Generator safety:

- **Do not** connect portable generators to your household electrical wiring. Instead, connect appliances directly to the generator using heavy-duty, outdoor-rated electrical cords.
- Operate generators **outdoors only** in well-ventilated areas to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning.

### Power line safety:

- Stay away from all downed lines. Warn others to do the same and keep children and pets away from lines. Assume all downed lines are energized.

### If your power is interrupted:

- Call Alabama Power at 1-800-888-2726.
- Keep refrigerator and freezer closed to keep food cold.
- Turn off appliances, including air conditioner, to avoid any hazards when power is restored.
- Do not leave candles burning unattended.

The American Red Cross offers more information about storm preparedness online at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).

Be prepared for summer storms. And be cautious after a storm to ensure your safety.

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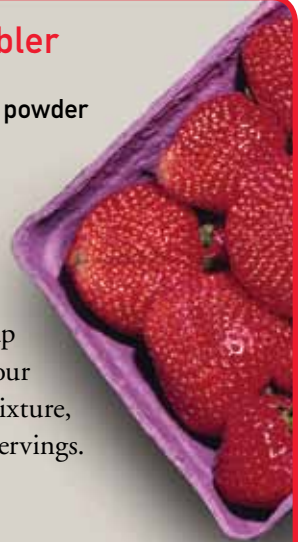
## POWER RECIPE | Strawberry Cobbler

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| 3 cups frozen strawberries –<br>chopped | 2 teaspoons baking powder |
| 1½ cups sugar                           | ¾ cup flour               |
| 1 stick butter                          | ½ teaspoon salt           |
|   | ¾ cup milk                |

Combine strawberries and ½ cup sugar in a bowl and mix well. Melt butter in 9" x 13" baking dish. Mix 1 cup sugar, flour, baking powder, salt and milk in a bowl. Pour into prepared dish. Do not stir. Top with strawberry mixture, but do not stir. Bake at 350° for 45 minutes. Makes 8 servings.

If you use fresh strawberries, mix with 1 cup sugar.

Recipe by Joyce Bridges of Montevallo.



**POWER TIP | Use energy-efficient doors.** Exterior doors are on the front line in defending your home against energy waste. So if you're shopping for a door, look at its R-value. The higher the R-value, the more energy-efficient the door. Keep in mind that glass, while attractive, is not a great insulator. If you use a door with a window, make sure the frame and the glass were produced with energy efficiency in mind. For more money-saving tips, visit [www.AlabamaPower.com/tips](http://www.AlabamaPower.com/tips).

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