

After storm suggestions: Remember the extreme heat at the time of this emergency. Other problems of this level of distress will happen in extreme cold

1. Observation about trees—many wires that pull down trees are located far below the electrical current wires. The Poles are loaded with other wires from all kinds of sources—telephone, cable, ???
2. City trees need to be trimmed, especially if tall.
3. Communication system is flawed: City cannot address needs of the community without electricity through electrical systems. ---Without service, no one can go to a web site, watch TV or twitter, or use other electrical devices. PEPCO's robo call system was totally unsatisfactory for the local consumer.
4. Radios used to be our means of information gathering and we have neglected them completely. Put the news feeds on the radio. Portables can pick up the message.--- Teach us how a city can transmit to its citizens if no news media machinery is available. If we have a radio system at least some messages get through. Contract with a company, even out of state if the locals are all dependent upon PEPCO for transmitting.
5. The cell phone world was over loaded in a crisis. Those who do not have land line in their homes are without telephone capacity if they use only cells or services with cell delivery (handheld).
6. There is no emergency prepared system that works for the individual. Waiting to hear from local officials is not satisfying at all. The emergency personnel talk to each other. Apparent when getting the PEPCO briefings that the information had nowhere to go.
7. Solutions need to be activated now and not put off until the fight over undergrounding is over.
8. Cooling centers are nice, but we need more attention to priorities. If the line men are repairing emergency shelters, they are not helping with other major downed wires. Examine the conditions before following a rule book.
9. Can we expect help from the National Guard?
10. City should add a requirement to its building codes that large buildings (size?) must be equipped with a generator of sufficient size to accommodate a "cooling (or heating) room" lighting within and emergency communication facilities in the event of a loss of power. If you cannot depend upon your provider, then you need to seek other means to protect yourself. Do we have this in our community buildings now? At least we have prepared the water plant.