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Alabama Power workers repair power lines damaged by the overnight storms in the Capitol Heights neighborhood in Montgomery on April 13, 2020. MICKEY WELSH/ADVERTISER

Alabama Power prepares for major winter storm

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Alabama is preparing for a major winter storm this weekend that will bring freezing rain, ice and dangerously low temperatures.

Officials warn that roads will be slick, power outages are likely and hazardous conditions could linger even after the storm passes. Experts say now is the time to get ready.

Here's how to prepare your home for the upcoming weather and what to do in a power outage.

Alabama Power prepares for outages

Alabama Power crews are on call and ready to respond. If outages occur, contract crews nationwide will be called in for significant damage. Prepare for

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Alabama has 7 of the best grocery stores in U.S.

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If your weekly grocery run starts with a careful scan of prices and ends with a satisfied smile at the checkout, you're not alone. According to the latest Retailer Preference Index (RPI) from Dunnhumby, Americans are putting savings at the top of their grocery list, but they're also demanding better quality than ever.

The survey, which analyzed customer behavior and financial results from 81 major U.S. grocery retailers, found that the most successful stores today are those that can deliver both low prices and high-quality products.

Walmart and Aldi are closing the quality gap with their competitors while their low-price image is getting even stronger.

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State's 15 counties with the highest radon potential

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Most Alabamians probably don't give much thought to the air hiding in their basements or crawl spaces. But a naturally occurring gas called radon can sneak in quietly, and the only way to know if it's there is to test.

Radon is found in homes across the U.S., including Alabama, and levels can vary from house to house. In the state, public health data show that multiple counties have elevated radon levels, and free or low-cost kits are available to help homeowners easily check their homes.

What is radon? What counties in Alabama have the highest levels, and where can homeowners get free tests?

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