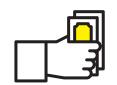


## Stay Alert for Fraud Awareness this Holiday Season

## BE AWARE OF THESE **COMMON UTILITY SCAMS**



**Disconnection Deception** Scammers call threatening disconnection of your utility service, demanding immediate payment by prepaid cards.



**Power Restoration Charge** Scammers call offering to restore power more quickly for a fee in the aftermath of severe storms causing widespread power outages.



**Overpayment Tactic** Scammers call claiming you have overpaid your utility bill, and you need to provide personal bank account information or a credit card number to facilitate a refund.



**Identification Attack** Rather than directing victims to call a 1-800 number, the scammers direct the caller to press 1 to collect more data in an effort to get personally identifiable information.



**Number Spoofing** Scammers will spoof a callback number that closely resembles the utility's number.



**Door Knocking Impostor** Door-to-door impostors pose as utility workers to gain entry or access into unsuspecting victims' homes.





