

Around Damaged POWER LINES



Energy Can Spread Like RIPPLES ON A POND

Storms and car accidents can damage energized power lines/poles and padmount transformers (green boxes).

The damage can cause energy to spread like ripples on a pond, causing:

Step potential, when a person walks from one voltage “ripple” to another and their feet experience a difference in voltage.

Touch potential, when someone touches something at one voltage and steps on or contacts something else at a different voltage.

Learn more at:



OUTDOOR ELECTRICAL SAFETY TIPS FOR KIDS

Share these **ELECTRICAL SAFETY TIPS** with children and teens to help keep them safe.

- 1** DO NOT climb or sit on green boxes or other electrical equipment.



- 2** STAY AWAY from electrical equipment marked “keep out,” “high voltage” or “danger.”

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- 3** NEVER ENTER the fenced area around a substation to retrieve an item or pet.



- 4** FLY kites, remote-control devices and drones FAR AWAY from overhead power lines.

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LOOK OUT

FOR POWER SOURCES



Do not get within 10 feet (in any direction) of a power line.



Be aware of power lines when working on the roof.



Do not trim branches or limbs near power lines.

Be careful when carrying long or tall objects such as ladders or poles.



Before you dig, call 811 to have underground utilities marked.



Do not dig near padmount transformers or other utility equipment.

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STAYING SAFE DURING AN OUTAGE

We work hard to provide the most reliable service possible. Rest assured, if the power is out, we are on it!

The length of time it takes to restore your power depends on several factors, including the:



Extent of the storm's destruction



Severity of utility equipment damage



Number and extent of outages



Accessibility to damaged equipment

STAY SAFE UNTIL POWER IS RESTORED

- Stay far away and keep others away from downed power lines, which could be live and deadly.
- If you come across a downed line, immediately call 9-1-1 to report it.
- Never enter a flooded room; the water could be energized.
- If you are standing in water, do not turn on/off power or flip a switch.



Prepare for a storm by gathering these items:



Bottles of water



Non-perishable food



Portable phone charger



Prescriptions



Battery-operated radio

Flashlights



Extra batteries



Pet supplies



Blankets



Warm clothing



First-aid kit



Hand sanitizer

THANK YOU for your patience during outages. When the lights go off, we are working safely and efficiently to restore power. The safety of our employees, as well as those we serve, is our TOP priority.

Can You Dig It?



An underground utility line is **damaged once every 9 minutes** because someone didn't call 811.



811 locators **do not detect** underground sprinkler systems, invisible fences, data communication systems, private water systems, or gas piping to a garage.



Once **all of your utilities** have been located, then you can start your digging project!



Call 811, the "Call Before You Dig Number," at least **2 business days** prior to digging.



Even if you have previously had underground utilities marked, **utilities can shift**, so it's best to call before starting a new project.

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