Look Up! Watch Out for Overhead

Lines and Underground, Too

As you begin to spend more time outdoors during the warm weather, there’s one thing you can’t afford to overlook: the power lines that bring electricity to your home.

Whether overhead or underground these power lines present a danger to you and your family if not treated with respect. So Remember:

. Don’t trim or cut down trees that are growing near or underneath power lines.
. Have a qualified contractor take care of the job.
. When planting new trees, be careful about placing them beneath overhead power lines. The tree might be small now, but in a few years it could grow into the lines.
. Before you dig anywhere on your property, be sure you know where your underground utility services are— not only electric lines but also water, gas, telephone and cable T.V.. Cutting into these services connections could cause serious injury as well as a lot of inconvenience.
. Be careful installing or removing television antennas or satellite dishes. Check your clearance overhead power lines. If you aren’t that you’re well clear of those lines, don’t take any chances. Have a professional relocate, install or remove the device.
. Take the same caution when using tall ladders, pool skimmers or other long tools or equipment. A single, careless motion could cause contact with the overhead line. If you can, use wooden instead of aluminum ladders, and always carry ladders horizontally when moving them.
. Supervise your children when they’re flying kites and make sure they know to stay clear of power lines. Use only nonmetallic kite string and if it should get entangled with a power line drop the cord and call your power company for assistance.
. Never build a structure or pool beneath the lines that connect your home to power facilities.
. Keep yourself, your children and your pets away from substations and other utility equipment. If a toy rolls or bounces inside, call your power company. Don’t try to retrieve it.