Look Up! Watch Out!

Overhead Lines and Underground Lines

As you begin to spend more time outdoors during the warm weather, there's one thing you can't afford to over look; 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.

- Be careful about planting new trees beneath over head 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., because cutting into these service connections could cause serious injury, as well as a lot of inconvenience.

  Call 8-1-1 or 800-344-8377 before you dig to locate utility lines.

- Be careful installing or removing television antennas or satellite dishes. Check your clearance of overhead power lines.

  If you are unsure, don't take any chances and 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 ladders instead of aluminum ladders, and always carry ladders horizontally when moving them.

- Supervise your children when flying kites, and make sure they know to stay clear of power lines. Only use nonmetallic kite string. If a kite should get entangled with a power line; drop the string, and call your power company for assistance.

- Never build a structure or install a pool beneath the power lines that connect to your home.

- Keep yourself, your children, and your pets away from substations and other utility equipment.

  If a toy rolls or bounces inside, don't try to retrieve it, call your power company.