

# Electric Line Newsletter

## Electric Line Safety Issue

May is National Electric Safety Month! Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative would like to help you say safe this summer. In this issue we provide many tips and tricks to help keep yourself and your family safe!

## Swimming Safety

Swimming is a great way to beat the heat during summer . Although swimming is a great way to cool down on hot Wisconsin summer days there can be electric dangers lurking under the water's surface. Being aware of the dangers will help you and your family stay safe.

First and foremost, before opening your pool for the summer have a pool electrician inspect the wiring in your pool or hot tub.

When you are swimming the biggest thing to remember is: water and electricity don't mix. Keep electric appliances away from the pool. If you want a radio or television while in your pool, it is smart to keep them up a safe distance away from pool. Use battery operated devices while swimming. Another thing to remember is never to swim directly after a thunderstorm. If any of the lights in your pool are flickering get out right away. Lastly, don't set up your pool under powerlines.

Knowing the signs of electric shock while swimming is also important. Any tingling sensations, cramps, and a feeling of becoming immobilized are telltale signs that the water is coursing with electrical current.

If you are swimming and a shock occurs, exit the pool immediately. Once you are out, immediately turn off all power leading into it. Call 911 and use a rescue hook, preferably a fiber glass Shepherd's crook, to safely pull those who have been shocked out of the water.

Swimming is a great way spend lazy summer days. Don't be lazy with safety while on the water.

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May 12th– Mothers Day

27– Memorial Day



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## Summer Break Safety

Now that school is out, many students will be home and ready to enjoy their time off. Summer in Wisconsin is perfect for spending time outside.

Parents should encourage their children to get out and enjoy the weather. Although they will be leaving their electronic devices inside there are still electric dangers outside.

First off, teach your children to stay away from power poles. Tell them never to attempt to climb them. Not only should they not climb power poles, children should stay away from trees that are close to powerlines. If a kite or other objects get caught in powerlines never try to retrieve the items. Do not enter any electrical substations.

On hot summer days kids might want to swim in a pool. While swimming children should remember: water and electricity never mix. Although it may be tempting to have speakers or other electric equipment near or in the pool, they should be left inside or a far enough distance away from the pool that there isn't a chance of them getting wet.

Lastly remind kids that electric equipment aren't toys! Teaching your young family members about electric safety can help keep their well earned summer vacation just that, a vacation. Electricity makes our lives so much easier, but it can also be very dangerous.

## Drive Safe Everyday

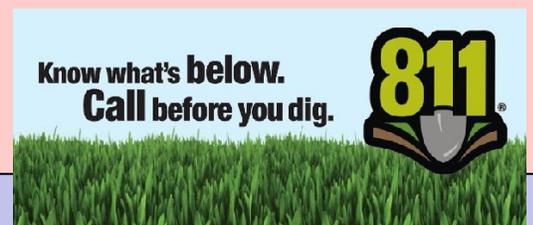
Distracted driving has escalated since the invention of the cell phone. Driving and texting is not only illegal but it's also very dangerous for not only the driver, but, also cars around them.

One large danger that may occur while driving is hitting a power pole. If this happens it is important that you know what to do to keep you and people around you safe.

After a crash involving a power pole, the first thing you should remember is never to step out of your vehicle. Powerlines may be sagging on or around your car. The ground outside your vehicle may become energized, and by stepping onto energized ground you can experience fatal shock. You should stay in your car and call for help. If you need to exit your car for any circumstance at all, jump clear of the vehicle without touching it and the ground at the same time. When you land, shuffle away with feet together to ensure that there's no difference of voltage between your feet. If you see a car in an accident with a power pole don't get out, and call for help.

Another thing you should remember when driving, is that a lineman might be on the side of the road working on power poles and lines. It is illegal to be on your phone in work zones.

Stay safe and stay off your phone while driving.



## Safety When Digging

Summer is a great time to get outside projects done. If any of these projects involve digging, make sure you call Diggers Hotline before you dig. Diggers Hotline will come to the area you plan to dig near and find the underground lines in the area. This will help keep you and your underground wires safe.

**DIGGERS HOTLINE CALL: 811**



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## Electric Safety in the Great Outdoors

Summer is the time when Wisconsinites flock to campsites for weekend relaxation and fun. When hooking an RV or camper up to electricity there are a few steps you can take to help make your vacation a little safer.

- ~Perform a visual inspection of cords, plugs, and outlets. If there are cracked, frayed, broken or discolored do not use them.
- ~Always use electrical cords rated for the use they will get. Make sure the power demand of the appliances that will be used does not exceed the cord's rating.
- ~Turn your generator on and have it running before you turn appliances on.
- ~Before using a campground hook-up, do a visual inspection of the area. If a campground hook-up appears to be damaged, put safety first and request another spot.
- ~Never sleep with your generator on.

Keep vacation fun by insuring that your electric is hooked up properly. These tips can help!

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## Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Trivia Contest

Trivia is back! Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative would like to test our members knowledge with Facebook trivia contests. The rules are simple, when you see a trivia post make sure you comment the right answer and the name that appears on your electric bill, like the post, and share it! It's that simple. Hardest part is getting the question right! At the end of the week CWEC will randomly pick one winner. The winner will receive a \$25 credit on their next electrical bill.

You must be a member to qualify! The winner will only be selected if they liked, shared and commented on the post!

**Our May Trivia weeks are:**

**May 6th– May 10th**

**May 20th– May 24th**

Help us get the word out!

