



# IMPROVING YOUR YARD?

## KNOW WHAT'S ABOVE AND BELOW BEFORE YOU START

When the temperatures begin to warm, many of us begin planning improvements to our outdoor spaces. This could include building a deck, adding a patio or firepit, or assembling play equipment for your family to enjoy. However, it is important to plan for safety prior to adding an outdoor structure or improving your yard.

### Power Line Awareness

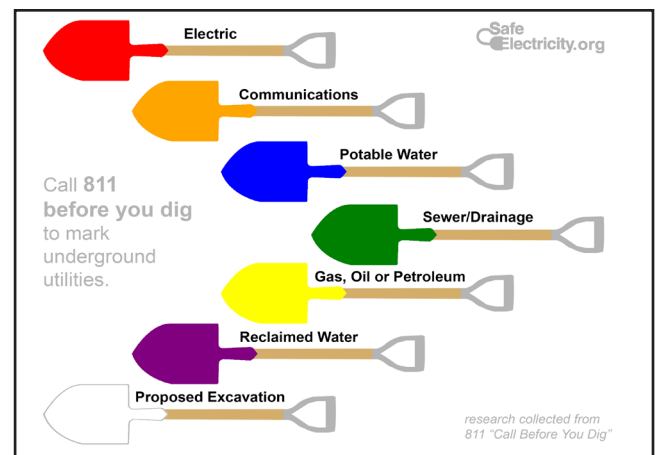
Being aware of power line locations near your home is vitally important for your and your family's safety. Even drop-down lines—the lines that bring power to a home—have voltages running through them and can be dangerous. Always look up and around for power lines, recognizing too that electricity can jump or transfer even without direct contact, before starting any outdoor project. Also know what's below before starting any digging job.

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- Assume that all power lines are always energized and keep at least 10 feet between a power line and you or any item you are holding.
- Call 8-1-1 to mark underground utilities as part of planning and before any digging. Plus, this service is free.
- Once underground utilities are marked, the 8-1-1 "Call Before You Dig" service recommends that the area within 18 to 24 inches of either side of the marked lines be dug by hand with a fiberglass shovel, not by machine.
- Do not install tree houses, playsets or swing sets, pools or decks and any associated structures within 25 feet of a power line. Consider the height and reach of play

equipment (including the arc of a swing) and all deck and pool structures in relation to power lines.

- Educate your children about power line safety and how electricity can jump. Teach them to never touch a power line or get too close to one, either directly or with a toy or object, before sending them outside to play. This is especially important if they climb trees, fly kites, or use remote control devices like an airplane or drone.
- Use caution when moving ladders and operating long-handled tools around trees and power lines.
- Also use caution and look up and around for power lines when you are elevated, whether it be on a ladder, boom lift, scaffolding or your roof.
- When planting and trimming trees, keep in mind that specialized tree trimming experts certified by OSHA in utility clearance are the only people legally allowed to trim within 10 feet of power lines.



# ALWAYS REPORT YOUR POWER OUTAGE

If your power goes out, you should never assume that someone else will call it in. While that might be true in some cases, there are other times where an isolated outage is the problem. In the event that your service is interrupted, the first thing you should do is check your fuses or breakers to make sure the problem is not your own. Next, check to see if your neighbors have power. This gives the line crews an idea of the extent of the outage.

You can report an outage anytime, day or night, by calling **715-372-4047**. This is our designated outage line. If you call our regular office number to report an outage, you will need to press option 1 so your call can be transferred. If you have information about the cause of the outage (tree limb, broken pole, etc.) please tell the dispatcher as this can help speed the restoration of service. Please be patient! Your service will be restored as soon as possible. Line outages will be repaired first, then individual services will be next.





Do The  
**SUMMER  
SHIFT**

YOU'RE PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER

## REMINDER:

### SUMMER LOAD MANAGEMENT SEASON IS HERE

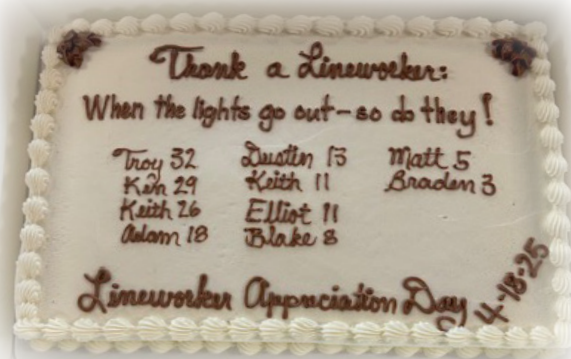
This is a reminder that the Summer Load Management season is in full swing. The season began May 1 and extends through October 31.

The Summer Full Load Control strategy targets the months of June, July and August. If you have any questions or concerns or are curious what load management is, please check out our website.

# Thank You

In April we celebrated Lineman Appreciation Day. We would like to thank John and Dorothy Budiash for the amazing linemen cake that they made in honor of our linemen and their years of service.

Thank you for your kindness!





## Annual Cable CARE 5K or 10K Walk/Run July 4, 2025

Sign up now for the Annual CARE run in downtown Cable. There's an option to do a 5K walk OR 5K or 10K run. Beverages and snacks are provided after the race. There will also be a 4th of July parade, and a cookout at the Cable Town Park following the race, you're encouraged to stay and enjoy the festivities! Runners are eligible for age group prizes, which are CARE dollars that may be used at eligible businesses.

Registration fees are \$35.00 + \$3.10 sign-up fee and for children 17 and under \$25.00. Register now to claim your spot and t-shirt! Online registration is preferred, see more information at [www.cableareacare.org](http://www.cableareacare.org).

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Routine maintenance is important to keep your refrigerator running efficiently. Lint and dirt should be cleaned from the refrigerator coils every six months to a year, and more often if there are pets in the home.

When coils are coated with lint, dust or pet hair, your refrigerator works harder than it's designed to, which can prevent the appliance from cooling properly and efficiently. The additional work can increase the energy costs of the refrigerator by as much as 35% and shorten the life of the appliance.

Source: [energy.gov](http://energy.gov)



## MONTH OF JUNE

Billing date: **June 10, 2025**

May usage

Gross due: **June 30, 2025**

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