

OCTOBER 2026

GARLAND LIGHT AND POWER CO.

ELECTRIC NEWS DELIVERED TO YOU!



OCTOBER

- 9 - FIRE PREVENTION DAY
- 12 - COLUMBUS DAY
- 28 - NATIONAL FIRST RESPONDER DAY
- 30 - GARLAND READS YOUR METER

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I HIT A POWER POLE OR OTHER ELECTRIC EQUIPMENT: NOW WHAT?

WE ALL THINK IT WILL NEVER HAPPEN TO US, BUT IT CAN, AND IN AN INSTANT.

DRIVERS AND CARS VEER OFF THE ROAD AND RUN INTO A POWER POLE. FARMERS SOMETIMES MAKE CONTACT WITH A POWER LINE WHILE DRIVING TRACTORS OR OTHER MACHINERY. DUMP OR FEED TRUCK DRIVERS RAISE OR LOWER THEIR BED AND SNAG A POWER LINE. PEOPLE CAN BECOME DANGEROUSLY CLOSE OR ENTER ELECTRICITY'S PATH. KNOWING WHAT TO DO IN THAT SITUATION CAN SAVE YOUR LIFE. INCIDENTS WITH POWER LINES OR OTHER UTILITY EQUIPMENT BREAK THE ELECTRICAL CURRENT'S USUAL PATH. THIS CAN MAKE THE GROUND, VEHICLES AND OTHER EQUIPMENT ELECTRIFIED.

IF YOU HIT A POWER POLE, PAD-MOUNTED TRANSFORMER ("GREEN BOX") OR OTHER ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT WITH YOUR CAR OR VEHICLE, DO NOT GET OUT. INSTEAD, CALL 9-1-1 AND WAIT FOR UTILITY CREWS TO COME AND DE-ENERGIZE POWER.

HERE ARE SOME EXAMPLES; IN ALL INSTANCES, CALL 9-1-1:

YOUR TRACTOR OR CAR STRIKES A GUY WIRE (GUY WIRES ARE THE WIRES STAKED INTO THE GROUND THAT STABILIZE UTILITY POLES). UNDER NORMAL CONDITIONS, THE GUY WIRE IS NEUTRAL. BUT IF THE WIRE IS WEAKENED, PULLED OUT OF THE GROUND OR OTHERWISE DAMAGED, IT COULD BECOME ENERGIZED.

YOU HIT A PATCH OF ICE AND GO OFF THE ROAD AND HIT A UTILITY POLE. OR YOU ARE IN A CAR ACCIDENT AND ONE OF THE VEHICLES STRIKES A POWER POLE. ONLY GET OUT OF THE CAR IF THERE IS SMOKE OR A FIRE; OTHERWISE, STAY PUT. IF THERE IS A FIRE, MAKE A CLEAN JUMP OR HOP FROM YOUR CAR OR TRUCK (WITHOUT TOUCHING IT), AND HOP WITH YOUR FEET TOGETHER OR SHUFFLE KEEPING YOUR FEET ON THE GROUND AT LEAST 50 FEET TO SAFETY. THINK OF THE DOWNED LINE SENDING ELECTRICAL CURRENT ACROSS THE GROUND IN A RIPPLE-LIKE EFFECT. EACH RING OF THE RIPPLE REPRESENTS A DIFFERENT VOLTAGE.

IF YOU STEP FROM ONE RING TO ANOTHER, THIS IS CALLED STEP POTENTIAL AND IT CAN ELECTROCUTE YOU.



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY JACI SLATER. JACI WILL RECEIVE
A \$20.00 ENERGY CREDIT ON HER NEXT BILL!

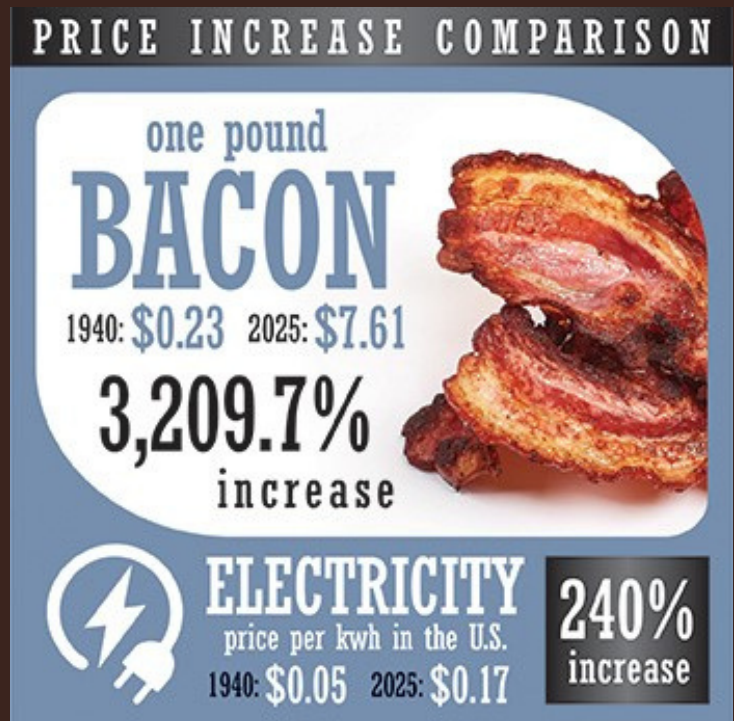


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ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES ARE JOINING
CO-OPS ACROSS THE U.S. TO CELEBRATE
NATIONAL CO-OP MONTH. AS YOUR
LOCAL CO-OP, OUR SERVICES ARE
SHAPED TO MEET YOUR SPECIFIC NEEDS.
WE LOVE GROWING WITH YOU, THE
MEMBERS WE ARE PROUD TO SERVE.



TIPS TO AVOID UTILITY SCAMS

Delete deceptive emails. If you receive an email that appears to be from your electric utility but you are unsure about it, delete it. Never click on a link, open an attachment or send a reply to an untrusted source. When in doubt, contact your utility directly to report suspected email scams.

SOURCE: UTILITIES UNITED AGAINST SCAMS



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