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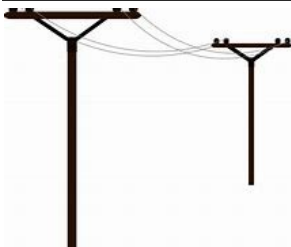
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ALONG THESE LINES . . .



WHERE DO YOU WANT YOUR POWER LINE PLACED

By law we cannot place our electrical line over existing buildings and structures. There are too many risks involved in such a practice. Placing a utility line over an existing structure increases the danger of fire to the structure and seriously increases the chances of someone contacting the power line.

Consider living in a house where the power lines crossed over the structure. Anytime there was work to do on the roof, whoever did the work would be in danger of making contact with the line. Additionally, if the line ever breaks and protective devices do not react fast enough, the damage could be devastating.

As haystacks are erected, each layer puts whoever is working on it closer and closer to danger. Haystacks present an inviting place for children to play. Plus, you are putting a dry fuel source directly under an instrument that could ignite it.

Too often it takes a traumatic event for people to change. The risk of losing a house, shop, barn or haystack to fire, or worse, a life to electrocution, is unacceptable. Please remember to NOT build structures or haystacks under power lines.

FUN FACTS ABOUT AUGUST

- ⇒ National Watermelon Day—August 3
- ⇒ National S'mores Day—August 10
- ⇒ August 11 marks the end of the Dog Days of Summer, which began on July 3.
- ⇒ August 17 is when the Cat Nights begin, tracing back to a rather obscure Irish legend concerning witches; this bit of folklore also led to the idea that a cat has nine lives.
- ⇒ August 19 brings National Aviation Day, chosen for the birthday of Orville Wright who piloted the first recorded flight of a powered heavier-than-air machine in 1903.
- ⇒ On August 21, 1911, the Mona Lisa was stolen from the Louvre Gallery and not recovered for two years.
- ⇒ Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his famed 'I have a dream' speech, which was given on August 28, 1963.
- ⇒ August 26 is Women's Equality Day, which celebrates the 1920 ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment and, with it, women's right to vote in the United States.

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Ways to Save Electricity During the Hot Summer

Heating and cooling costs account for about 50% of the home energy budget. Figuring out the best way to ventilate your home will result in savings and a reduction in energy consumption.

1. **Turn off your air conditioner when you don't need it.** In the summer, the thermostat should be set no lower than 78°F to 80°F. For every degree the thermostat is raised, 4% to 8% can be saved on cooling cost.
2. **Use a programmable thermostat.** A programmable thermostat is a very energy-efficient tool. It allows you to program what hours your home will be vacant and when you will be asleep. During those times, it will adjust the temperature of your home accordingly.
3. **Switch to ENERGY STAR appliances.** The ENERGY STAR is an accolade given by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to a product that meets the rigorous energy-efficiency guidelines set forth by the U.S. government in order to reduce greenhouse emissions. As an example, an ENERGY STAR certified room air conditioner uses about 15% less energy than non-certified models.
4. **Check for thorough home insulation.** Air leakage occurs when air from the outside enters and conditioned air leaves your house through cracks and openings. Caulking and weather-stripping are the two most simple and effective air-sealing techniques that offer quick returns after investing.
5. **Clean your air conditioning vents and units.** In order for an air conditioning unit to function efficiently, its filters, coils, and fins must be maintained regularly. Simply put: a clean air conditioner is an effective one. Clogged and dirty filters block normal airflow and reduce a system's efficiency significantly. Replacing a dirty, clogged filter with a clean one can lower your air conditioner's energy consumption by 5% to 15%.
6. **Block the sun with blinds and drapes.** Window treatments or coverings don't just decorate your home, they can also help you save energy. Some carefully selected window treatments can prevent your house from heating up under the summer sun. When fully pulled down and closed over a window with a lot of sun exposure, blinds can reduce heat gain by up to 45%. Drapes can reduce heat gain by 33%.

Source: *Internet*



SAVE MONEY!!

PAY YOUR BILL BY
THE DUE DATE!!

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Avoid phone scams



Urgent call from
a utility?
It could be
a scam.

Every year, thousands of people lose money to telephone scams. Well-organized scammers can spoof, or replicate, the phone number so that it appears on your caller ID to make it look like it is coming from your trusted energy provider.

These scams tend to use

aggressive and intimidating tactics. The scammer will insist you're behind on your utility bill and threaten to disconnect service or take legal action. The scammer will typically demand that you use a prepaid debit card or money order, often within a short, urgent timeframe, to pay the "past due" amount. At this point, you might be panicking, and that's what these imposters are counting on.

You can combat this scam by being aware of the status of your account. Never give your banking or personal information over the phone to someone you did not call. If you receive a call from anyone requesting personal or banking information, hang up. Call the provider directly. Do not use the phone number given by the scammer. ■