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Outdoor Work Has Its Own Set Of Safety Rules

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Play it safe around electricity when you're outdoors this summer. Here are 10 tips:

- Keep power cords, tools and equipment away from water and wet areas while you're using them and when you're storing them.
- Before you climb a ladder or extend the handle of a tool, look up so you can clear overhead power lines.
- Notify Garland Light & Power before you dig in your yard just in case buried electrical equipment is located on your property.
- When you plant a tree locate it at least 15 feet away from overhead power lines.
- Educate your children about the dangers of power lines. Insist that they fly kites and climb trees far away from electrical lines and equipment. Everyone in your family should know better than to try to untangle a kite or a model airplane that gets caught in a power line.
- Inspect power tools for frayed cords, broken plugs, and weathered or damaged housings. Don't use damaged equipment. And unplug tools before storing them.
- Scope out the area before you trim tree limbs and shrubs, as power lines are sometimes hidden by foliage. Trimming branches that are growing into or around overhead power lines on your property is not a job for a homeowner. Contact Garland Light & Power to do that dangerous work.
- Rid the area around your outdoor air conditioning unit of plants and clutter so the air can circulate freely around the unit.
- If you use extension cords when you work with outdoor tools, replace them with models designed for outdoor use.
- Beware of all electric lines. Even low-voltage electric lines and cords can be hazardous if damaged or improperly handled.

Clean Up Your Cords

If you were to pull your desk or TV cabinet out from the wall, you'd probably find a tangle of cords, cables, wires and plugs.

That tangle isn't so good for your electronics.

Besides creating a tripping hazard, a mess of electrical cords could lead to a fire if they're all plugged into the same overloaded power strip.

Here's how to untangle, for safety's sake.

1. Unplug everything, your computer, scanner, phone charger, TV, speakers, and printer. As you do that, you'll likely find cords that aren't attached to anything, maybe they once were. Weed out those unneeded cords.
2. Remove all extension cords. They are not designed for permanent use. And they're unnecessary if your plug or power strip is close to your devices.
3. Dust the remaining cords, vacuum the floor and wipe down the wall round the outlets.
4. If you have more than one power strip plugged into a single outlet, move the extras to other outlets.
5. Invest in a few inexpensive, Velcro cable ties. Bunch your remaining few cords together like a bouquet of flowers and wrap the tie around them. This will keep them neatly together.
6. Drill a hole into the back of your computer table or TV cabinet big enough for all of the cords to pass through. That will keep the cords together and off the floor.



Don't Shoot

Safety and power reliability are top priorities at Garland Light & Power. Each year, many power providers experience outages caused by people, either intentionally or inadvertently, shooting at important power equipment such as power poles, line insulator, transformers and distribution lines. Even worse than the outages, is the potential for bodily injury caused by shooting at live electrical equipment. Not only could the shooting result in injury or even death, it also presents a risk to line crews who must repair the damages and to member-owners who rely on the delivery of safe power for health care needs.

Shooting at power equipment is also vandalism and could result in fines and or jail sentences.

If you are hunting or target shooting, we ask that you please take caution not to shoot at any utility facilities. Further, if you notice this type of vandalism on cooperative lines, please contact our office.





Kiley Cannon was awarded the Basin Electric/Garland Light & Power \$1000 scholarship. She will be attending the University of Wyoming pursuing a career in Biology.



Adam Hartman was awarded the Ray Nelson/Garland Light & Power \$1000 scholarship. He will be attending the University of Wyoming pursuing a career in Physical Education Teaching.



Jennifer Bonander was awarded a Garland Light & Power \$500 scholarship. She will be attending Northwest College pursuing a career in Psychology.



Demi Dusenberry was awarded a Garland Light & Power \$500 scholarship. She will be attending the University of Wyoming pursuing a career in Graphic Design.

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Mallory Triplett was awarded a Tri-State/Garland Light & Power \$500 scholarship. She will be attending Carroll College pursuing a career in Nursing.

Eliana Karhu was awarded a Tri-State/Garland Light & Power \$500 scholarship. She will be attending Northwest College pursuing General Studies.

Samuel Baker was awarded a Garland Light & Power \$500 scholarship. He will be attending Sheridan College pursuing a career in Diesel Technology.

Lauren Deroche was awarded a Garland Light & Power \$500 scholarship. She is currently attending Northwest College pursuing a career in Nursing.

Amy Smith was awarded a Garland Light & Power \$500 scholarship. She will be attending Northwest College pursuing a career in Accounting.

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