

May is Electrical Safety Month

We use electricity every day. This invisible force has become so commonplace that it can be all too easy to overlook possible electrical hazards, even in the safety of our own homes. May is Electrical Safety Month, and a good time to put the most important safety tool you have—your brain—to work.

Knowing what to be on the lookout for and knowing the safe steps to take can make all the difference in preventing accidents. Safe Electricity offers the following home safety tips to help arm you with the knowledge to stay safe and help others stay safe.

Always read and understand the operator's manual before using an appliance or tool.

Make sure recognized safety laboratories, like UL, ETL, or CSA have certified the electrical appliance, tools, and cords you plan on using.



Never use a product with a damaged electrical cord.

Never use extension cords on a permanent basis.

Only use extension cords properly rated for the devices you plan to plug into it.

For the safety of children in your home, install tamper-resistant outlets or protective coverings.

If your outlets are warm to the touch, immediately shut them off at the circuit breaker, and contact a qualified electrician to make repairs.

Install ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCIs) in areas that may be wet or damp. GFCIs



Custer Public Power District's Office and Outposts will be closed in recognition of Memorial Day.

Payments can be placed in the drop box in front of the Broken Bow Headquarters.

To report outages, please call 1-888-749-2453.



Clay Johnson

North Platte High School
son of Luke & Lisa Johnson

Ty Johnson

Chadron State College
son of Luke & Lisa Johnson

Custer Public Power District
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help protect against electrical shock. Use the test and reset button monthly to ensure they are working properly.

Never use power tools outdoors if it is raining or the ground is wet.

If an appliance repeatedly blows a fuse, trips a circuit breaker, or has given you an electrical shock, immediately unplug it and have it repaired or replaced.

To learn more about electrical safety visit



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Congratulations!

**A Salute to Those Graduating in the
Custer Public Power Family**

Taylan Myers

Anselmo-Merna High School

Parents: Brandon & Melanie Myers , and Theresa Myers
Grand-daughter of Kim and Jeannie (Accountant) Myers

Sydnee Sallach

Callaway High School

Parents: Shane (Lead Lineman-Callaway) & Kim Sallach

Know the electrical hazards inside, and outside of your home.

Don't be a statistic!

Electrical safety tips for kids

- Never put fingers or other objects in an outlet
- Keep metal objects out of toasters
- Never use anything with a cord or plug around water
- Never pull a plug out by its cord
- Stay away from substations and power lines
- Don't climb on power poles
- Never fly kites near power lines
- Stay away from broken or fallen power lines
- Never touch or climb trees that are near power lines
- Never touch big, metal transformer boxes with warning signs
- Obey warning signs



Electrical Safety: Think Outside the Home

Electrical hazards are not only present indoors, but can also occur outside. Follow this guide to help prevent common outdoor electrical hazards.

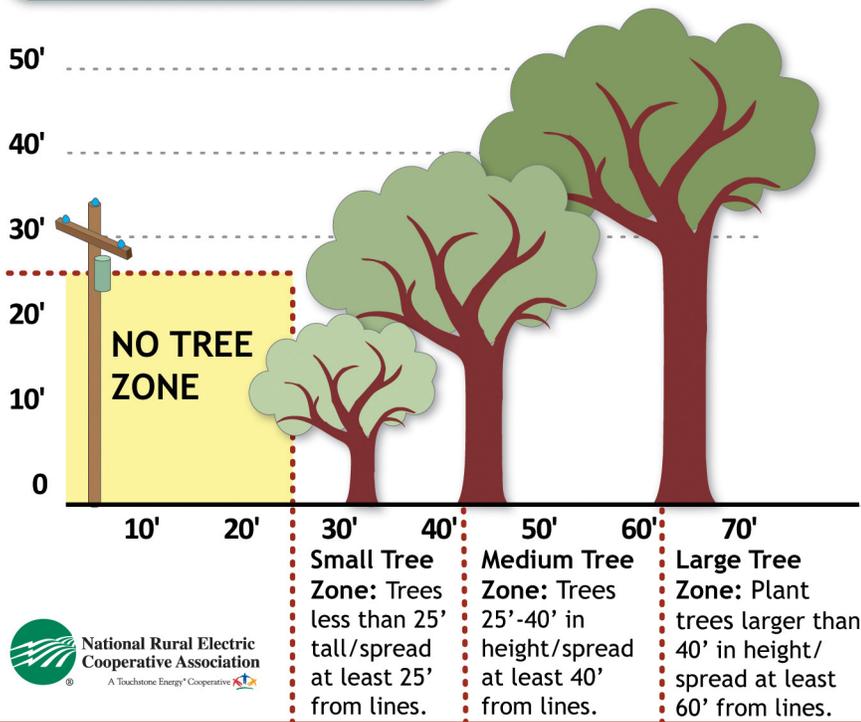
POWER LINES

Before planting trees near a power line, conduct research or speak with a professional to ensure there's enough space for it to grow. If you suspect that a tree is too close to power lines, report it to your local utility.

Always keep yourself and equipment at least **10 Ft.** away from power lines. Electricity can jump to nearby objects!

Power lines are also underground. Call **811** before you dig.

Tree Planting Guide



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**



Potato Salad with asparagus & feta

A potato salad recipe with seasonal asparagus and tangy feta cheese - it takes just over 30 minutes to make and is best served warm.



Ingredients

- 1½lb small waxy new potatoes, scrubbed
- A little olive oil
- 2 bunches (1lb) asparagus, trimmed
- 2-3tbsp fresh mint, chopped
- 4 spring onions, finely sliced
- ½ small red onion, finely sliced
- 3½oz feta, crumbled
- 12 mint leaves



FOR THE DRESSING:

- 3 tbsp good, fruity olive oil
- 1tsp Dijon mustard
- Grated zest and juice of 1 lemon

Directions

- *Heat the oven to 375°F. Cut the potatoes in half and place in a roasting tray. Drizzle with olive oil and toss well. Roast for 30 minutes, tossing the potatoes occasionally.
- *Brush the asparagus with a little oil and then add to the potatoes in the roasting tray. Return to the oven and cook for a further 15 minutes, or until the asparagus and the potatoes are tender.
- *Place the hot potatoes and asparagus in a large bowl with the chopped mint, spring onion, red onion and feta and season well with salt and pepper.
- *Place the dressing ingredients in a screw top jar and shake well to combine. Pour the dressing over the salad and toss gently to coat. Allow to stand until most of the dressing has been absorbed.
- *Transfer to a serving dish and sprinkle the mint leaves over it. Serve warm or at room temperature.

Tips

If the asparagus cooks before the potatoes, simply remove the stems from the tray and return the potatoes to the oven until cooked.

<https://www.houseandgarden.co.uk/recipe/potato-salad-recipe>

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Board Meetings

The regular monthly meeting of the Custer Public Power District Board of Directors is on the last Thursday of each month, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the main office in Broken Bow on Hwy. 2.

An agenda for each regular meeting of the board is available for public inspection during business hours.

In the event of matters of an emergency nature or conflicts with other meeting dates, the Board of Directors will set changes. Any change in the monthly meeting date will be posted in the legal notice at the main headquarters building at Broken Bow and at each of the District's area service centers located in Callaway, Sargent, Stapleton and Thedford, Nebraska.

