



Northern Neck Electric Cooperative

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May Is Electrical Safety Month

Safety is important to Northern Neck Electric Cooperative employees and for our members. Since May is electrical safety month, NNEC includes the following safety tips for our members.

- Televisions can overheat without proper ventilation. Do not restrict air flow behind the set.
- Materials such as clothing, curtains, paper, and flammable liquids can ignite when placed near lamps, heating appliances and hot surfaces.
- Plug in portable appliances only when you intend to use them. Otherwise, keep them disconnected and stored away.
- Keep motors or their protective covers free from lint, dust, and dirt so they don't overheat.
- When you use electrical appliances and tools outdoors, make sure they're properly grounded and that your work area is dry.
- When performing outside house maintenance, use a wooden or fiberglass ladder. Avoid working near overhead power lines.
- Use only extension cords approved for outdoor use when using power tools outdoors .
- Power tools and other dangerous equipment attract curious youngsters. Keep your children out of your work area or near power equipment unless you are with them.
- Teach children to fly kites and model airplanes away from power lines; caution them not to climb trees near power lines.
- Instruct the kids to stay away from utility substation fences and pad-mounted transformers, or any fence, building or equipment marked "**Warning: High Voltage.**"
- Use extension cords and appliances that have a seal of approval from a major testing laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL).
- Disconnect the power cord on all electrical tools or appliances before working on them.
- Electric shock can occur if objects are inserted into electrical outlets or appliances.
- Use fire extinguishers or common baking soda if an electrical fire occurs.

There are more safety tips to add to this list. Contact NNEC for additional information on electrical safety guidelines.