

Electric Safety Checklist

Look up...be aware

Be safe around overhead power lines. When working around your house, remember to look up and see where power lines might be to avoid an accident.

Power Lines

- It is extremely dangerous to touch a power line, whether it is overhead or has fallen on the ground. If you see a downed power line call **911** and **CMP (800.696.1000)** immediately. Always assume a downed line is a live line.
- Beware of a downed power line touching a vehicle. Stay clear of the vehicle and the power line. If a power line touches your vehicle while you are inside, remain calm. If you can do so safely, stay inside the vehicle until emergency assistance arrives or warn others to stay away from the vehicle and have them call CMP.
- Be careful around overhead power lines.
 - When planning a project, you - and your contractors - should carefully check the work area for any potential hazards, including overhead power lines.
 - Remember things such as aluminum siding, gutters and ladders conduct electricity. Never let these items touch a power line.
 - Leave the cutting and trimming of trees near power lines to professionals. A tree or limb that comes in contact with a power line could be deadly.

Power Outlets

- Have a licensed electrician install weatherproof covers and GFCIs (Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters) on outdoor electrical outlets to protect yourself against electrical shock.
- GFCIs should be installed in areas such as bathrooms, kitchens and pool areas where water has the potential of coming in contact with electricity. Always check to ensure that your outlet and switch covers are in good condition. If you are able to see exposed wiring, replace the switch or the cover.
- Always remember to use safety caps on unused outlets if applicable. Small children and pets can suffer electrical shock from these sources and should never be left unattended around electrical outlets, switches, or extension cords. Safety plugs can be purchased at most hardware stores to keep your children and pets safe from electrical exposure.

Electric Equipment

- Water and electricity NEVER mix. Keep power tools and extension cords away from water, including rain, wet ground, swimming pools, sprinklers and garden hoses.
- Inspect extension and power cords for wear and tear before using. Replace any cord you find that is frayed or cracked.
- NEVER overload an extension or power cord! If the cord is warm or hot to the touch, there is a good chance that it is overloaded and could cause an electrical fire if not corrected.

For additional information on electrical safety, please visit esfi.org.

To find this information online, visit cmpco.com/safety.

