

Taylor Report



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From the Manager/CEO...



We all want the best for the people in our lives – our family, friends, community and others. That includes you, our members.

It's why we make safety a top priority at Taylor Electric and devote time and energy to making everyone aware of important safety tips and equipment.

For instance, if you're working with tall ladders, cleaning gutters, trimming trees or undertaking other projects outside, we remind you to look up for and stay safely away from overhead power lines, especially those connected to your home.

If a project involves digging, be sure to call 811 a few working days in advance to get underground utilities marked.

We don't want anyone to take a chance that could end in tragedy, and to help, we're a partner in the Safe Electricity program. We encourage you to visit SafeElectricity.org, where you'll find life-saving information presented in videos, interactive games for children, online teacher resources and more.

We are proud to have the safest, most reliable electric system of any country in the world, but we are not content to simply rest on these accolades. We will continue to provide our members with the latest advice and technology to use electricity in safer and smarter ways. After all, aren't you and the people you care about worth it? We think so. In fact, we know so.

Have a safe day!!
—Ken Ceaglske/President/CEO



CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

Knowing where utility lines are buried will help you avoid serious or deadly injury, service outages and costly repairs. Always call 811 three days in advance of digging or excavating.

Help Keep Our Crews Safe

Orange road signs are not just for highway construction zones; they also apply to utility work zones. Slowing down before entering work zones helps save lives, including the lives of our crew members, who must often work roadside to maintain or restore power.

Cars or trucks that go too fast not only endanger workers on the ground. Driving too fast or not moving over can also put a lineworker who is working high up in a bucket in serious danger by causing it to move or sway into high-voltage lines.

Please, take extra care in work zones. Our crews and their families thank you.



SAFETY Enlightenment

Lightning MYTHS & Shocking FACTS:

MYTH
If it's not raining or cloudy, you're safe from lightning.

FACT
If you can hear thunder, lightning is nearby. Lightning often strikes over **10 miles** from the center of a thunderstorm.

FACT
Lightning travels at about 220,000,000 mph and will have exited the body by the time you approach. Check for a pulse and render first aid if possible. **Call 911 immediately.**

MYTH
A lightning strike victim carries a charge and should not be touched.

MYTH
In the event of a lightning strike, the rubber in a car's tires protect occupants from being harmed.

FACT
If struck, it is the **metal frame** of the car that provides protection. The charge travels through the frame and into the ground without harming occupants if they avoid touching anything that conducts a charge.

PROTECT YOURSELF



Use the **30/30 rule**: When you see lightning, count until you hear thunder. If that time is **30 seconds** or less, the thunderstorm is within six miles of you and is dangerous. Immediately seek shelter indoors or in a hardtop vehicle and remain until you have not heard thunder for **30 minutes**.



Don't touch concrete surfaces, including those in a basement or garage. Lightning can travel through the metal wires in concrete walls and flooring.



Stay off corded phones and plugged in electronics.



Avoid plumbing and water, including bathing or doing laundry.



Never seek shelter under trees, poles or other tall structures as they are more likely to be struck by lightning.

PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY



Unplug appliances and other electrical items, such as computers and televisions, to prevent damage from surges caused by lightning strikes.

Surge protection can help prevent damage to your electronics. There are two types of surge protection:



Point-Of-Use Surge Protection:

Protects only the items that are directly plugged into the device from most electrical surges.



"Whole Home" Surge Protection:

Located at your main electrical panel or the base of the electric meter, this device provides protection for your entire electrical system.

However, neither type can safeguard against a direct lightning strike. If you live in an area prone to lightning, consider a lightning protection system.



For additional severe weather resources please visit www.esfi.org.



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