

Overhead Power-Line Safety

As a farmer or rancher, you can reduce your risk of electrocution by following these recommendations:

Be aware of the location of overhead power lines on your farm, and avoid the risk of electrocution by choosing a route for your equipment that avoids potential contact.

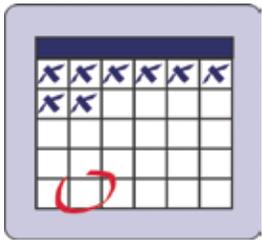


- Never touch a power line.
- Contact your local power company if an incident occurs.
- Never use ladders around power lines.
- Remember that some equipment may have a higher profile during transport.
- Maintain a 10 ft. clearance space between the power lines and your equipment. Contact your power company to determine the height of power lines on your farm.
- If you are in a tractor and come in contact with power lines, remain in the tractor and have someone contact the power company to shut off the power.
- If you are in a tractor that contacts power lines and you must exit because of an emergency such as a fire, jump out and away from the tractor as far as possible. Never allow any part of your body to touch both the equipment and the ground at the same time. Plan to fall away from the tractor to avoid tripping back into contact with the tractor.
- Review safety measures with all individuals working on your farm, whether full-time, part-time, seasonal, or voluntary.
- Remember that even nonmetallic objects such as tree limbs, ropes, and straw can conduct electricity.

SAVING ENERGY Saves Money

Here are just a few simple things you can do to improve the energy efficiency and comfort of your home as warmer temperatures arrive:

1. **Service your air conditioner.** Easy maintenance such as routinely replacing or cleaning air filters can lower your cooling system's energy consumption by up to 15 percent. Also, the first day of spring could serve as a reminder to check your air conditioner's evaporator coil, which should be cleaned annually to ensure the system is performing at optimal levels.
2. **Open windows.** Opening windows creates a cross-wise breeze, allowing you to naturally cool your home without switching on air conditioners. This is an ideal tactic in spring when temperatures are mild.
3. **Use ceiling fans.** Cooling your home with ceiling fans will allow you to raise your thermostat four degrees. This can help lower your electricity bills without sacrificing overall comfort.
4. **Cook outside.** On warmer spring days, keep the heat out of your home by using an outdoor grill instead of indoor ovens.
5. **Install window treatments.** Energy efficient window treatments or coverings such as blinds, shades and films can slash heat gain when temperatures rise. These devices not only improve the look of your home but also reduce energy costs.
6. **Caulk air leaks.** Using low-cost caulk to seal cracks and openings in your home keeps warm air out -- and cash in your wallet.
7. **Set the thermostat.** On warm days, setting a programmable thermostat to a higher setting when you are not at home can help reduce your energy costs by approximately 10 percent.



Save the Date!
Saturday, August 3, 2019
OCEC's 80th Annual Meeting



OCEC will be closed on Monday, May 27, 2019, in Observance of Memorial Day. Regular office hours to resume on Tuesday, May 28.

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