



How to stay safe after severe weather has passed

Northern Indiana is no stranger to severe weather during the late spring and summer months. While most people know to seek shelter during particularly bad weather, do you know how to stay safe immediately following a destructive storm?

Once a devastating storm has passed, many people want to venture out on the roadways to survey the damage immediately. However, staying off the roads is important to make way for emergency vehicles. First responders, including electric utilities, need full access to the roadways, rushing emergency services to assist injured individuals, evaluate damage, clear fallen power lines and trees obstructing the road, and perform similar crucial tasks.

Remember to stay away from fallen power lines — even if you don't think it's a live wire — and immediately report it to 911.

DID YOU KNOW?



In the event of a power outage, especially during a severe storm, NREMC's Facebook page is the first place to look for outage updates. We will provide information as soon as we have it to share.



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Poles are no place for nails and staples

With summer right around the corner, we know graduation parties, weddings, garage sales, cookouts, and many other events may require signs to help get your guests to the right spot. At the same time, utility poles may seem like a great place to tack a sign or flyer, but attaching signs to utility poles is dangerous for our lineworkers.

Lineworkers risk injury to themselves and damage to their equipment, rubber gloves, boots, and protective clothing when items are posted on poles. Likewise, nails and tacks can get in the way of the climbing hooks that lineworkers wear on their boots when climbing a pole. While a tear in your clothing or glove may seem insignificant, the stakes are much higher when that equipment is all that stands between you and a power line.

Sharp objects like nails, tacks, staples, or barbed wire can puncture rubber gloves and other safety equipment, making lineworkers vulnerable to electrocution. An unseen nail might also prevent one of their leg spikes from properly setting into the pole or snag their belts or clothing, creating a fall hazard.

Instead of posting signs on a utility pole, we encourage our members to use yard signs or find other ways to help direct their guests.

"We know no one wants to put our lineworkers in danger, so we ask that everyone refrain from posting items on poles and see that your friends and neighbors do the same. Together, we can avoid hazards like this."



Above: This utility pole has seen its fair share of signs over the years.



Jared Boggs
Safety Coordinator



Keep Mylar balloons inside

Mylar balloons can cause power outages, fires, and pose a public safety risk. If a gust of wind grabs the balloon, it could blow into overhead power lines. If you see a Mylar balloon that has contacted a power line or floated into an electrical substation, never attempt to retrieve it yourself. Call NREMC at 1-888-413-6111, and if there are sparks or a fire, call 911.

Save the date for the Arcola National Truck and Tractor Pull

We'll be back at the Arcola National Truck and Tractor Pull **Saturday, June 29**, with special discounts and deals for Northeastern members. Be sure to keep an eye on our Facebook page as the date gets closer for complete details.



Four local students selected to participate in Camp Kilowatt

Congratulations to Tenley, Ainsley, Caleb, and Charlie for being selected to attend Camp Kilowatt at Camp Tecumseh in Brookston, Indiana, this summer. Students will learn about electricity generation and transmission, plus electric safety, and participate in activities like horseback riding, bucket truck rides, rock climbing, archery, zip-lining, swimming, and more.



"I want to go to Camp Kilowatt to learn how to be safe around electricity. During a bad snowstorm last winter, our neighbor's tree fell on the power lines, and they weren't sure what to do. They called my dad, and he told them not to touch it. Then he called NREMC. This ended up saving their lives because they were going to try to move the tree themselves. I want to learn more so I can help people who may not know what to do when they see fallen power lines."

— Ainsley Metzger



Congratulations, Tenley, Ainsley, Caleb, and Charlie!

Tenley Metzger
South Whitley

Ainsley Metzger
South Whitley

Caleb Metzger
South Whitley

Charlie Brinker
South Whitley

Two local students are heading to Washington, D.C., this summer

Congratulations to Natalie and Mason! Indiana Youth Tour allows two young Hoosiers to visit the nation's capital, experience U.S. history, learn more about government, and better understand their electric cooperative. Students participating in the trip will visit the Flight 93 memorial, Gettysburg battlefield, Arlington National Cemetery, National Museum of the Marine Corps, and Smithsonian museums. The delegation will also tour the National Mall memorials, take a night cruise on the Potomac River, and much more.



Natalie Harning
Carroll H.S.

Mason Schuckman
Columbia City H.S.



Congratulations, Natalie and Mason!

Area teens awarded college scholarships

Investing in the future is something Northeastern REMC has been doing for decades. There is no better way to support our community than to encourage our local students to pursue higher education. These two \$1,000 scholarships were awarded based on scholastic achievement, school involvement, community involvement, and recommendations.



**POWERING
THE FUTURE
SCHOLARSHIP**

Congratulations!



Harrison Brooks
Wayne High School



Tessa Tonkel
Columbia City High School

**Northeastern REMC is proud to offer scholarships
to these two students in our service area!**

Harrison Brooks, son of Shawn and Kimberly Brooks of southwest Fort Wayne, will attend Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia, this fall, where he will study sports management.

Brooks is a former Wayne High School football team captain, earning two-time All-Conference and All-Northeast Indiana honors. He's also served as president of the Northeast Indiana Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, among other notable community activities.

A recommendation letter from the program director of Pave the Path Youth Leadership Program, where Brooks volunteers, notes Brooks' ability to lead and how he pushes others to use grit and grow their abilities.

Tessa Tonkel, daughter of Todd and Sue Tonkel of Columbia City, will be attending Indiana University this fall to study nursing.

At Columbia City High School, she was a member of the National Honor Society for two years and the basketball team for four years. She also served as a basketball mentor and a youth league coach, among other community activities.

In her teacher's recommendation letter, Tonkel was noted as a role model to other students, dedicated to her studies, and successfully balanced the demands of academic excellence, working a part-time job and contributing as a leader on the basketball team.



Do you have unclaimed capital credits?

Please be sure to check the list of unclaimed capital credits at nremc.com/unclaimed.

Now that capital credits are issued in the form of bill credits, the number of unclaimed funds is reduced.

Please contact us if you'd like to receive a copy of the list through the mail.

Memorial Day

Our lobby will be closed on

Monday, May 27.

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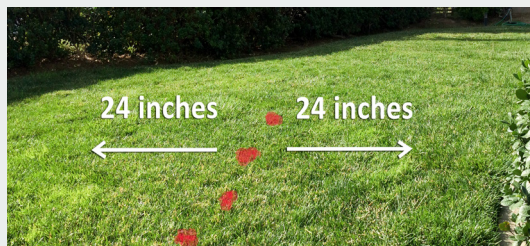


DIGGING SAFETY FOR SUMMER PROJECTS

Keep safety in mind as you start your summer projects

Do you know what the colors mean?

-  Electric
-  Communications
-  Gas
-  Sewer
-  Water
-  Reclaimed Water
-  Temporary Service Markings
-  Proposed Construction



Indiana state law mandates a **2-foot tolerance zone** on either side of utility marks where only certain types of excavation are allowed, such as only being permitted to dig with hand tools.

We've all been waiting to dig into our landscaping projects this summer, but keep safety in mind as you plan your project. Calling 811 to have utility lines marked should be included in your plan. Before you contact Indiana 811, you will need to know specific details about where you plan to dig, including the address, nearest intersecting street, and exact location on the property. Mark the designated area with white paint so the utility operators know where you plan to excavate.

You can request underground utility markings online at indiana811.org or by phone at 811. Be sure to call at least two business days before you want to start digging to give the utility companies time to mark the underground utilities. Each line is marked in the color that corresponds to the appropriate utility.

Once the two full working days have passed, confirm that all utility companies have visited the property by comparing the colors of the marks to the list of utilities provided by Indiana 811.

If the utility's lines are outside the designated area, you will be notified. The method of notification is up to the utility operator or contractor locator. For example, if a gas line is not in conflict, you may see the word "OK" with yellow paint in the designated area.

Now that the utility lines are marked, you can begin digging carefully. It's crucial to only dig with hand tools inside the tolerance zone. See more information on the left.



Be sure your summer project plans include calling 811

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