

It's barbecue season!

Here are a few reminders to build on your family fun with safe electric grilling:

- Be sure to plug your grill into a 20-amp ground fault interrupter (GFI) outlet to protect against risk from shock, and safeguard the cord in a safe, no-traffic location to prevent tripping.
- Avoid tripping your electric breaker by operating your electric grill on its own circuit, or having the grill be the only item operating on a circuit while it is in use.
- Use basic safety precautions with your grill as with any electrical appliance, including visually inspecting cord and plug for wear or damage before operation, unplugging grill from outlet when not in use and before cleaning and keeping cords, plugs and heating elements out of water and other liquids.
- You will want to avoid using your electric grill near combustible or flammable materials, and it should not be used in the rain.
- To be safe, be sure to unplug your grill from the electrical outlet prior to cleaning it or when it is not in use.

Thinking about a weekend grill party? One danger while grilling comes from germs that can contaminate your food. Make sure you cook your food to the proper temperature to prevent food-borne illness. Store your food at the proper temperatures to prevent contamination, keeping your hot foods hot and your cold foods cold so bacteria will not multiply.



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Family Summer Safety



As your family enjoys another wonderful summer season, consider these reminders for safety around electricity!

Play it safe outdoors:

Kids are eager to say goodbye to school for the summer. They are looking forward to jumping into the backyard pool, playing in the sprinkler and spraying each other with the garden hose. Before children venture outside for summer, make sure you talk to them about staying safe around electricity.

- If you see a power line on the ground, don't touch it with anything, including your bike, a stick or a toy. Call your electric cooperative for help.
- Be safe—do not climb power poles or sit on top of transformers.
- Play away from electricity.
- Never touch an electrical appliance if you are wet. Water and electricity never mix!
- If you are in a car that makes contact with a power line, try to stay inside while help comes. If you have to get out, jump out with your feet together, avoiding the line. Then bunny hop away, keeping both feet close together.



Kite flying

Kite flying can be great fun—be sure it is also safe for your family with these tips:

- Always fly kites safely away from power lines. A kite string is a conductor for electricity.
- Fly kites and model airplanes in good weather conditions in large open areas like an open park or a wide field.
- If a kite is stuck in a power line, leave it there. Find an adult to call the electric cooperative for help.



Tree climbing

- Don't climb trees near power lines. Even if the power lines aren't touching the tree, they could touch when more weight is added to a branch.
- Don't climb on a ladder or play in any tree, fort or tree house that is near a power line. . If you accidentally touch a power line you could get a shock of 4,000 volts of power. It could kill you!
- Whether you are in a tree or on the ground, you should never touch a power line with your hand, body or any object like a stick or toy.

