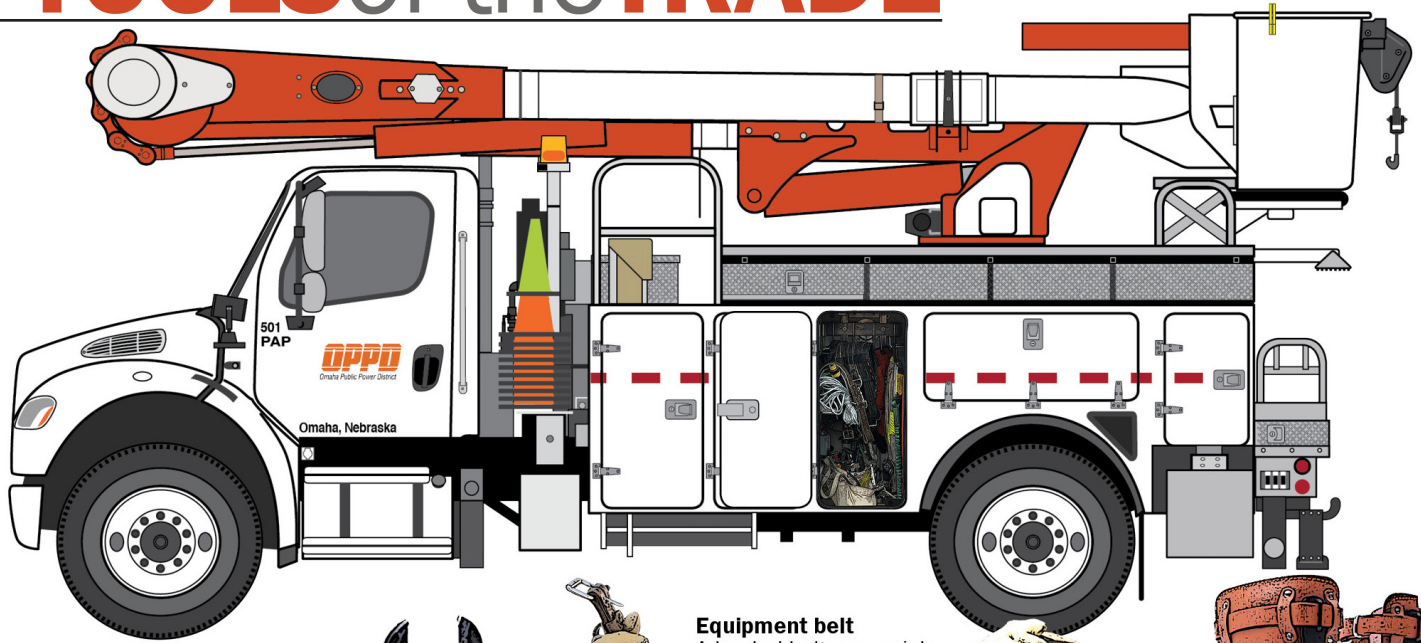


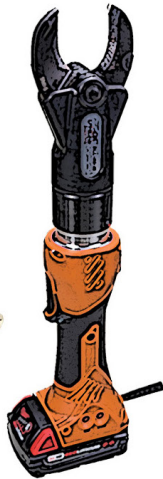
TOOLS of the TRADE



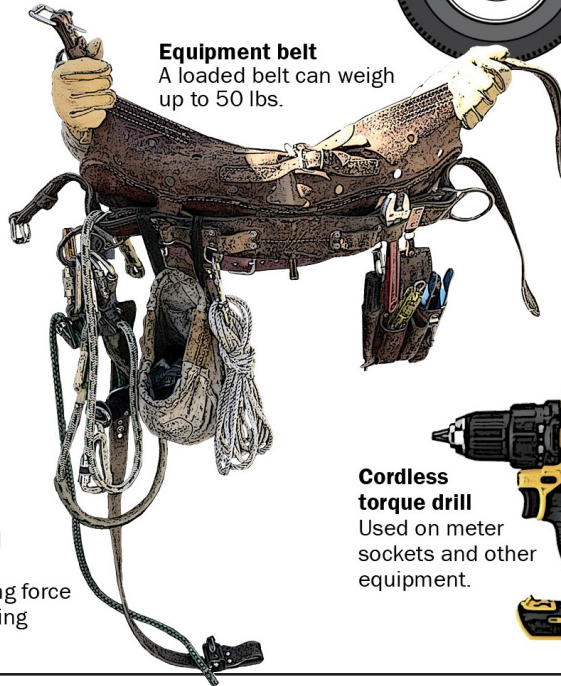
Hook knife
One of the main tools of the lineman trade.



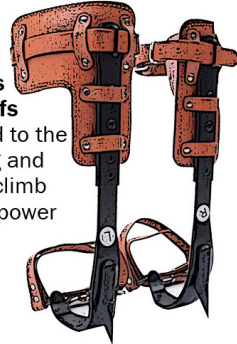
Secondary rubber gloves with protectors
Used when working with 1,000 volts or less.



Battery-operated crimping tool
Delivers a crimping force of 6 tons for splicing power lines.



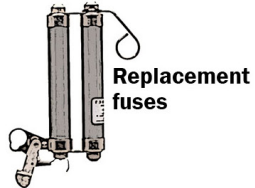
Equipment belt
A loaded belt can weigh up to 50 lbs.



Climbers with Gaffs
Strapped to the lower leg and used to climb wooden power poles.



Cordless torque drill
Used on meter sockets and other equipment.



Replacement fuses

OPPD's line technicians rely on their bucket trucks. But those versatile, powerful, white and orange vehicles

aren't just symbols of reliable, affordable power. They also carry the tools of the line technician's trade.

Nearly everything line technicians need for their jobs is in their trucks. Here's a sampling of some of the tools they carry.

APRIL BOARD MEETINGS

All-committee meeting: Tuesday, Apr. 16 (see oppd.com/BoardMeeting for details). **Regular board meeting:** Thursday, Apr. 18, 5 p.m. (see oppd.com/BoardMeeting for details). Hearing-impaired call 531-226-3208, 72 hours prior to request an interpreter. Agendas posted and meetings viewable on oppd.com/BoardMeeting.

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OPPD adopts new generation to meet growing needs.



OPPD will soon bring the most significant additions to its generating fleet in more than 40 years.

Standing Bear Lake and Turtle Creek natural gas generating stations are scheduled to come online late this summer.

In 2019, OPPD's board of directors

approved adding hundreds of megawatts in utility-scale solar and natural gas generation. The two gas plants will provide 600 megawatts of natural gas-powered generation. They are now more than 75% complete.

The stations will serve as balancing generation to support growing customer demand and a reliable, resilient power system. They will also bolster regional power needs as directed by the Southwest Power Pool, a regional transmission organization to which OPPD belongs.

OPPD's Platteview Solar, an 81-megawatt solar array in Saunders County, is also scheduled to go online this year, followed by more renewable generating sources.



Nebraska's growth, particularly in OPPD's service territory, is driving an unprecedented need for more power. OPPD projects the need for an additional 100 megawatts of new demand annually over the next several years. Previously, the growth rate was about 4 megawatts per year.

OPPD's Greener Together program awards grants



OPPD's Greener Together program has awarded grant funding to two initiatives that will plant new trees in Omaha and provide more nutrient-dense produce for people in need.

This year's recipients are The Urban Bird & Nature Alliance and Free Farm Syndicate.

The Urban Bird & Nature Alliance was awarded \$50,000

to replace some of the ash trees lost in Omaha due to the emerald ash borer.

Around 14,000 ash trees have died or been removed in Omaha in public parks and rights-of-way alone. Storms, car crashes and different diseases have destroyed other trees. The

Greener Together Money will help plant more than 150 trees in Habitat for Humanity's Bluestem Prairie development in North Omaha. Work will begin in May.

Free Farm Syndicate was awarded \$80,000 increase its food yields and reduce food insecurity. The group plans to use the money to add infrastructure and decrease labor and material costs. Organizers will implement sustainable watering techniques and work to increase neighborhood engagement. The group has five growing plots in Omaha.

The Greener Together program aims to help customers in OPPD's 13-county service territory collaborate with others to support environmental projects that make a positive, long-term impact on a community.



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