

Safe at home

Summer is a time for working and playing outside. As you do so, remember to keep electric safety in mind. Here are some tips to keep you and your family safe at home.

- Keep all electrical devices and cords away from water.
- Install ground-fault circuit interrupters on all outdoor electrical outlets.
- For outdoor lighting and wiring, use only weatherproof fixtures.
- If you have a tree near a power line, do not let anyone climb the tree.

Never fly a kite near power lines. If a kite gets caught in a line, call OPPD Customer Service at 402-536-4131 (877-536-4131 outside of Omaha). Do not touch the line or the kite.

Look up when using ladders outdoors, keeping them away from power lines.

Use power tools outdoors only in dry weather. Stand on dry surfaces and use only dry materials.

Look up when using long-handled tools like tree-trimmers and pool-skimmers.

Before starting any digging project, call 811 to have underground utility cables located.

AUGUST BOARD MEETINGS

(Note: no July board meetings.) **All-committee meeting:** Tuesday, Aug. 16 (see oppd.com/BoardMeeting for details). **Regular board meeting:** Thursday, Aug. 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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As shown on the tabs above, energy-efficiency tips (oppd.com/eetips) are part of the energy-saving info and resources you can find on OPPD's website.

From our seasonal tips on conserving energy and reducing your utility bills, here are a few ideas for summer:

- Raise the temperature of the thermostat and use a ceiling fan or box fan to help cool your body down via the wind-chill effect.
- If you are using a fan in a room, use only one. Multiple fans – especially a box fan and a ceiling fan

combined – can actually negate the usefulness of the wind-chill effect and only cause the temperature in the room to increase.

- Try to limit the use of heat-generating appliances (oven, stove, dishwasher, etc.) until the cooler hours of the day or night.
- If your thermostat is located in a hallway, be sure the doors nearby are open. Closed doors prevent air movement around the thermostat, which can cause your system to run longer than necessary.
- Use dampers on the ductwork to balance the air-flow in your home (i.e., if one room is colder/warmer than another). Closing registers should be a last resort if dampers are not available.
- Blinds and curtains can reduce the ambient heat temperature by your window by as much as 20 degrees. In the summer, keep those blinds/curtains closed to help keep your home cooler.

You can access more tips on energy efficiency, as well as how to use your HVAC system efficiently, how to lower home electricity bills, energy usage FAQs, videos and more at oppd.com/eetips.

Employees help Habitat 'Rock Blair'

About 65 OPPD employees and family members helped paint, remove brush, do light landscaping and perform minor exterior home and deck repairs in Blair on Saturday, May 7.

These volunteers were supporting Habitat for Humanity of Omaha's "Rock Blair" event. In addition to doing hands-on work, several employees served as project leads for this effort.

OPPD first partnered with Habitat Omaha in this way in 2019, when hundreds of employees and their families helped "Rock the Block" in north and south Omaha – specifically, in the Miller Park / Minne Lusa area and Deer Park.

These volunteer efforts are among the ways our employees live out OPPD's core value of honoring our community.



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