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# Avoiding electrical dangers during harvest season

*As we enter into the harvest season, here are some safety tips and reminders to consider during this busy time of year. With the rush of harvest, it's easy to forget the hazards of working around power lines. From all of us here at Wyrulec Company, we wish you a safe and abundant harvest!*

After working in a field on a neighbor's farm, Jim Flach parked his equipment and stepped out of the vehicle. Flach received a severe electric shock that ultimately resulted in his death a few months later. His equipment was unknowingly touching an overhead power line, and he became a path to ground for an electrical current as he set his foot to the ground. Safe Electricity urges farmers and agricultural workers to have a safe harvest season by taking precautions around power lines.

## Exhaustion + haste = accidents

The rush to harvest can result in farmers working long days with little sleep. Before working in a field or around shops or grain bins, always take the time to note the location of power lines, so that you can make sure to remain a safe distance from them.

Power lines can pose a major hazard for farmers. Typically, power lines over streets and rural areas have a minimal clearance of 18 feet and 12.5 feet over residential private property.

## Tips for ensuring safety from Safe Electricity

- ✦ Always use a spotter when operating large machinery near lines.
- ✦ Use care when raising augers or the bed of grain trucks around power lines.
- ✦ Keep equipment at least 10 feet from lines-at all times, in all directions.
- ✦ Inspect the height of the farm equipment to determine clearance.
- ✦ Always remember to lower extensions to the lowest setting when moving loads.

**Wyrulec Company will be closed on Monday, Sept. 5 for Labor Day**

\* Charles Hardy, Jr.\*

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- ✱ Never attempt to move a power line out of the way or raise it for clearance.
- ✱ If a power line is sagging or low, call Wyrulec Company immediately.

If contact is made with a power line, remember, it is almost always safest to stay on the equipment. Make sure to warn others to stay away, and call Wyrulec Company immediately. The only reason to exit is if the equipment is on fire. If this is the case, jump off the equipment with your feet together and without touching the ground and vehicle at the same time. Then, still keeping your feet together, "bunny hop" away.

If you see someone's equipment in contact with a power line, the best help you can give is at a safe distance. During one of these situations, make sure to yell out to, signal, or call the equipment operator to make sure he remains in the vehicle, and notify Wyrulec Company.

Additional safety tips from Safe Electricity include:

- ✱ Do not use metal poles when breaking up bridged grain inside and around bins.
- ✱ Always hire qualified electricians for any electrical issues.
- ✱ Do not use equipment with frayed cables.
- ✱ Make sure outdoor outlets are equipped with a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI).

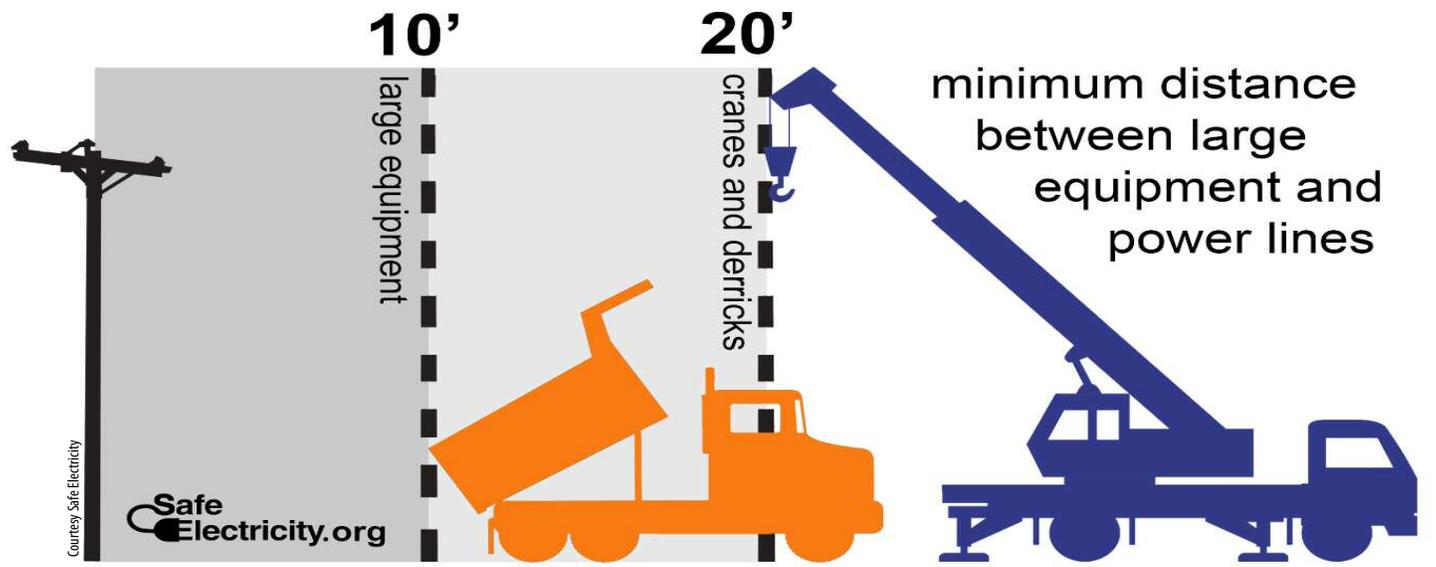
- ✱ When operating a portable generator, make sure nothing is plugged into it when turning it on, and never operate a generator in a confined area. Generators can produce toxic and deadly gasses like carbon monoxide.
- ✱ Always use caution when operating heavy machinery.

For more farm and electrical safety information, visit [SafeElectricity.org](http://SafeElectricity.org).

The Energy Education Council is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to promoting electrical safety and energy efficiency. \*Cori Sherrod\* Established in 1952, the Council serves as a forum for diverse utility and energy organizations to collaborate on the mutually vital issues of efficiency and safety. Learn more at: [EnergyEdCouncil.org](http://EnergyEdCouncil.org), [SafeElectricity.org](http://SafeElectricity.org), and [EfficiencyResource.org](http://EfficiencyResource.org)



Courtesy Safe Electricity



research collected from the Occupational Safety & Health Administration

\* Trevor Parsons \*

***From the Office Manager's Desk***

## **Payment alternatives to checks by mail**

With the changing structure of the U.S. Postal System, Wyrulec Company continues to receive numerous complaints regarding the length of time it takes for mail to get from members to Wyrulec Company.

### **Lots of alternatives**

Unfortunately, our cooperative has no way to ensure the delivery of your payments by mail. What we can do is offer alternative payment resources. Alternatives can make the task of bill pay both convenient and worry-free for our members.

Wyrulec Company accepts check payments and debit or credit card payments by telephone during our business hours. We can also set up automatic payment enrollment from any credit card, checking account, or savings account.

Wyrulec members can access their payment portal to make a payment by visiting [www.wyrulec.com](http://www.wyrulec.com) and using the member log-in feature.

### **Same-day options**

All of these payment methods process on the same business day, are at no additional cost to our members, and offer a convenience that helps eliminate the risk of mailed payments not arriving in time.

### **Extra time, just in case**

At your cooperative, we also understand that using the postal system is often a preferred method for submitting payments, and is a standard practice for many individuals and businesses. In the event that Wyrulec Company does not receive your mailed payment by the payment deadline, a cour-

tesy 7-day notice is mailed to the service address on file.

If the past due payment is not resolved by the disclosed deadline, our office strives to place a courtesy call prior to disconnecting service. Should you receive this notice or call, please contact Wyrulec Company immediately to troubleshoot the situation.

### **Current info is important**

It is also important for you to notify the office anytime your telephone number changes, to ensure we have the most up-to-date information.

To learn more about your cooperative's bill pay options, stop in the office or give us a call toll free at (800) 628-5266 for more information. It is our priority to provide you with excellent service, and assist you with any questions you may have.

## **Youth Energy Leadership Camp wrap-up**



**Jordanna Scott preparing for a ride in a lineworker's bucket truck**

Jordanna Scott of Lingle, Wyo., was chosen by the Board of Directors to attend and represent Wyrulec Company at the 2016 Youth Energy Leadership Camp. This camp is hosted and directed by the Nebraska Rural Electric Association.

Sixty-one teenage campers from 25 member systems were present at the camp, held July 11-15 at the 4-H Camp in Halsey, Neb.

This annual camp provides an educational environment for students to gain knowledge about the electric cooperative industry. Demonstrations, presentations, and workshops are given by linemen and other professionals in the electric trade.

The attendees tour the Gerald Gentleman Power Station and the Kingsley Hydroelectric Power Plant to see firsthand how electricity is generated.

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## Youth Energy Leadership Camp wrap-up

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"When we toured the hydroelectric plant, it was cool seeing how the water flow is used to create energy," Jordanna remarked.

Along with building leadership skills through team activities, there are also numerous recreational activities such as canoeing, hiking, swimming, sports tournaments, a talent show, banquet and dance.

The campers are given the opportunity to climb an electric pole and to ride in the bucket of a bucket truck.

Asked about the bucket truck ride, Jordanna said, "It was fun to be lifted that high up but the air was really cold that morning!"

At the end of the week, three campers are elected to serve as ambassadors to the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Rural Electric Youth Tour in Washington, D.C., in June of 2017.

To summarize her week in Nebraska, Jordanna said, "I had a good time learning about electricity, participating in the group activities, and meeting new people."

Enrollment and all expenses are covered by the member systems that sponsor the campers.

Each spring, Wyrulec Company accepts applications from high school freshmen, sophomore, and juniors who wish to attend the camp.

For additional information on the application process, please contact Amber at (307) 837-2225 or [amberk@wyrulec.com](mailto:amberk@wyrulec.com).



Courtesy Jennifer Adams, Nebraska Rural Electric Assn

Jordanna Scott, 3rd from left, in the control room of the Gerald Gentleman Power Plant.

## Good safety habits

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Find seven electrical safety tips in this wordsearch. Turn these tips into good electrical safety habits.

Letters in parentheses are not in this puzzle. All the words of each tip are not necessarily in one continuous line. Some may merely be near each other. As the list shows, "irrigation" is misspelled in the puzzle.

*(The names of two \$25 credit winners are also in this word search.)*

- ♣ Take care movin(g) irrigaetion pipe.
- ♣ No bales under power lines.
- ♣ Check cord on power washer.
- ♣ Remind family about electrical safety.
- ♣ Report saggi(ng) power lines.
- ♣ No electric cords near pool.
- ♣ Don't mix kites, trees, power lines.

## Puzzle Prizes

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

How should we contact you / contact info: \_\_\_\_\_

Prize category:  adult  child

Mail entries to:

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**Deadline Oct. 1** — Five winners will be drawn from all those submitting puzzles by Oct. 1.