



IMPROVING YOUR YARD?

*Know what's
above and
below before
you start*



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When the temperatures begin to warm, many of us begin planning improvements to our outdoor spaces. This could include building a deck, adding a patio or firepit, or assembling play equipment for your family to enjoy. However, it is important to plan for safety prior to adding an outdoor structure or improving your yard.

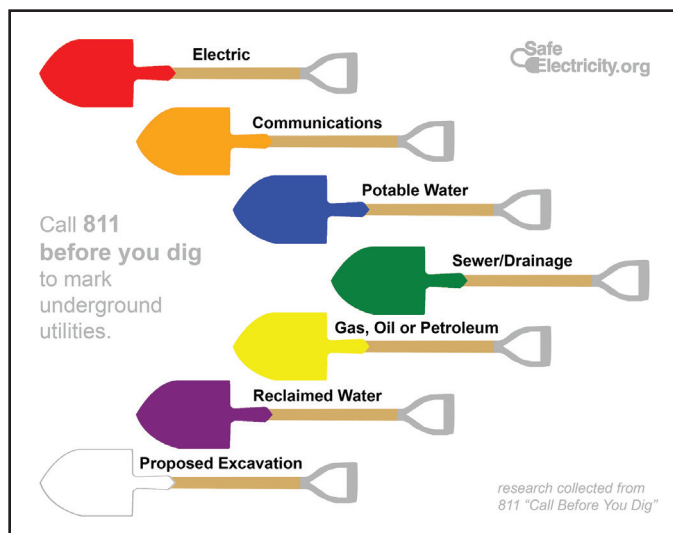
Power Line Awareness

Being aware of power line locations near your home is vitally important for your and your family's safety. Even drop-down lines—the lines that bring power to your home—have voltages running through them and can be dangerous. Always look up and around for power lines before starting any outdoor project. Also know what's below before starting any digging job.

Bayfield Electric Cooperative and Safe Electricity offer these tips to keep in mind while working in your yard:

- Educate your children about power line safety and how electricity can jump. Teach them to never touch a power line or get too close to one, either directly or with a toy or object, before sending them outside to play. This is especially important if they climb trees, fly kites, or use remote control devices like an airplane or drone.
- Use caution when moving ladders and operating long-handled tools around trees and power lines.
- Also use caution and look up and around for power lines when you are elevated, whether it be on a ladder, boom lift, scaffolding, or your roof.
- When planting and trimming trees, keep in mind that specialized tree trimming experts certified by OSHA in utility clearance are the only people legally allowed to trim within 10 feet of power lines.

- Assume that all power lines are always energized and keep at least 10 feet between a power line and you or any item you are holding.
- Call 8-1-1 to mark underground utilities as part of planning and before any digging. Plus, this service is free.
- Once underground utilities are marked, the 8-1-1 "Call Before You Dig" service recommends that the area within 18 to 24 inches of either side of the marked lines be dug by hand with a fiberglass shovel, not by machine.
- Do not install tree houses, playsets or swing sets, pools or decks or any associated structures within 25 feet of a power line. Consider the height and reach of play equipment (including the arc of a swing) and all deck and pool structures in relation to power lines.



CELEBRATING OUR LINEWORKERS



In April we celebrated Lineman Appreciation Day. We would like to thank John and Dorothy Budiash for the amazing lineman cake that they made in honor of our linemen and their years of service.

Thank you for your kindness!

Photo: Bayfield Electric Cooperative linemen were recognized during April's Lineman Appreciation Day celebration with a special cake created by John and Dorothy Budiash. Not all linemen were present for the photo.



REMINDER:

Summer Load Management Season is Here

The Summer Load Management season is in full swing. The season began May 1 and extends through October 31. The Summer Full Load Control strategy targets the months of June, July, and August. You can help us by doing the Summer Shift. The goal of the Summer Shift program is to move non-essential electricity use to before 11 a.m. or after 7 p.m. during June, July, and August. These are times when electricity use is not at its peak and, therefore, is not as expensive on the open market.

Shifting electricity use to off-peak times means the cooperative's wholesale power provider—Dairyland Power Cooperative—does not have to purchase as much power when electricity is more expensive. When the cooperative saves, members do as well.

If you have any questions or concerns about load management, please check our website.



ALWAYS

Report Your Power Outage



If your power goes out, you should never assume that someone else will call it in. While that might be true in some cases, there are other times where an isolated outage is the problem.

In the event that your service is interrupted, the first thing you should do is check your fuses or breakers to make sure the problem is not your own. Next, check to see if your neighbors have power. This gives the line crews an idea of the extent of the outage.

You can report an outage anytime, day or night, by calling 715-372-4047. This is our designated outage line. If you call our regular office number to report an outage, you will need to press option 1 so your call can be transferred. If you have information about the cause of the outage (tree limb, broken pole, etc.) please tell the dispatcher as this can help speed the restoration of service.

Please be patient! Your service will be restored as soon as possible. Line outages will be repaired first, then individual services will be next.



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ENERGY EFFICIENCY

TIP OF THE MONTH



During these warm summer months, a smart thermostat can help keep your home comfortable while reducing cooling costs. Smart thermostats learn your routine and automatically raise the temperature when you're away and cool things down before you return, avoiding unnecessary energy use. You can also adjust settings remotely from your phone, so you're never cooling an empty house. Setting your thermostat a few degrees higher while you're away or asleep can lead to significant savings. Many smart thermostats provide reports and tips, helping you fine-tune your energy use and stay cool while keeping your electric bill in check.



Annual Cable CARE 5K or 10K Walk/Run

July 4, 2026

Sign up now for the Annual CARE run in downtown Cable. There's an option to do a 5K walk OR 5K or 10K run. Beverages and snacks are provided after the race. There will also be a 4th of July parade, and a cookout at the Cable Town Park following the race, you're encouraged to stay and enjoy the festivities! Runners are eligible for age group prizes, which are CARE dollars that may be used at eligible businesses.

Registration fees are \$35.00 for adults and children 17 and under \$25.00. Register now to claim your spot and t-shirt! Online registration is preferred, see more information at www.cableareacare.org.



**Remember Dad on
June 21, 2026**

MONTH OF JUNE

Billing date:
June 10, 2026

May usage

Gross due after
June 30, 2026

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