

STAY SAFE WHILE HUNTING

As you prepare for hunting season, keep in mind that along with general hunting safety, electrical safety should also be a top priority.

You might be preoccupied and excited about the big hunt, but be sure to **look up and out** for power lines. Never place a tree stand near a power line. Contact with the power line, utility pole, or related equipment can alter the path to ground, sending electricity through anyone or anything that comes too close to or in direct contact with the power source.

In addition, do not shoot near or toward power lines, utility poles, transformers or substations. Stray bullets or pellets could damage equipment, possibly interrupting electric service. Even more concerning, they could drop a power line to the ground, causing a hazardous scenario: those who get within 50 feet of the downed line could be shocked or electrocuted.

CKPPD reminds hunting enthusiasts of these electrical safety tips:

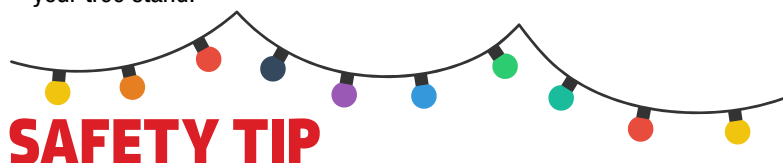
- Familiarize yourself with the area before heading out to hunt. Take note of power lines and equipment, especially when hunting in densely wooded areas.
- Observe all signs or postings that advise electrical safety, especially when scouting out a location for your tree stand.



- Do not use power poles to support a tree stand.
- Do not put a tree stand near a power line or pole.
- Be in the habit of looking up and out for power lines and do not come within 10 feet of an overhead line or pole when setting up or taking down a stand.
- Never climb a utility pole.

Please report any damage to a line or other related equipment to us so that we can address it. Although we perform routine maintenance, damage may not be noticed until an outage occurs.

Of course, always take the time to observe general hunting safety measures as well. Wear blaze orange and have a first aid kit handy. Stay safe out there!



SAFETY TIP

When decorating outside, look up and look out. Never throw holiday lights or other decorations into trees near power lines. Be especially careful when working near power lines attached to your house. Keep ladders, equipment, and yourself at least 10 feet away from power lines.

Ready Your Home FOR WINTER

Prepare your home for winter now to ensure safety, efficiency and comfort. Here's a checklist you can use.



INSPECT HEATING SYSTEM:

- Have your heating system professionally serviced.
- Replace air filters if needed.
- Ensure vents and radiators are unblocked for efficient heat distribution.

TEST AND MAINTAIN SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS:

- Replace batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Test detectors to ensure they function properly.

PREPARE PIPES AND WATER SUPPLY:

- Insulate exposed pipes to prevent freezing.
- Drain and shut off outdoor faucets and irrigation systems.
- Know the location of water shut-off valve in case of emergency.

PREPARE YOUR HOME'S EXTERIOR:

- Clear gutters and downspouts to prevent ice dams.
- Trim trees away from the house to avoid damage.
- Ensure downspouts extend away from the foundation.
- Service and store equipment such as lawnmowers and trimmers.
- Gather winter tools such as snow shovels and ice melt.

INCREASE HOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY:

- Seal gaps at windows and doors with weatherstripping or caulk.
- Set ceiling fans to rotate clockwise to circulate warm air.
- Lower your thermostat a few degrees to save on heating costs.

Learn more at: 

THANKFUL FOR OUR EMPLOYEE VOLUNTEERS



Pictured left to right – Nathan Rutar, Brad Steffen, Eric Becker, Dustin Neuhalfen, Tom Potts, & Zach Adcock.

Cedar-Knox Public Power is thankful for our employees that volunteer throughout the community. For over 85 years, CKPPD has had several individuals serve on our local ambulance and fire crews. We want to thank the dedicated people in all local communities, as there has recently been a great need for trained personnel to respond to the many grass fires & other calls. Volunteers spend hours dedicating their time not only to respond to calls, but also in meetings and continued training. CKPPD wants to take a moment to especially thank our employee volunteers for their bravery, diligence, and service to our community!

Current Cedar-Knox PPD Employee Volunteers:

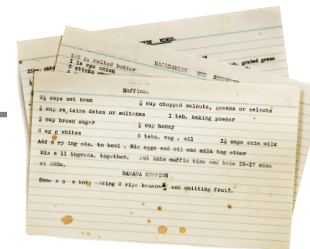
- Eric Becker** – Hartington Ambulance – 10 years
- Tom Potts** – Hartington Volunteer Fire Department – 29 years
- Nathan Rutar** – Hartington Volunteer Fire Department – 20 years
- Dustin Neuhalfen** – Hartington Volunteer Fire Department – 17 years
- Zach Adcock** – Hartington Volunteer Fire Department – 3 years
- Brad Steffen** – Hartington Volunteer Fire Department – 1 year

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

If you're heading out of town during the holiday season, remember to set your home to vacation mode. You can save energy while you're away by lowering your thermostat a few degrees or creating an "away" schedule with a smart or programmable thermostat. Newer water heaters include a vacation mode setting to help you save on water heating costs, or you can simply lower the temperature manually.

Small actions can also stack up to energy savings. Unplug devices that consume energy when they're not in use, including phone chargers, toothbrush chargers, TVs and gaming consoles.

RECIPE CONTEST



Cedar-Knox Public Power is gathering delicious recipes for the upcoming holiday season. We will then select one to share with our customers next month. Please send your favorite recipe to our general email address ckppd@cedarknoxppd.com by November 20th. If possible, please include a picture. We will print the selected recipe in our next newsletter and on our Facebook page. Credit will be given to the individual that shares along with a small token of thanks from CKPPD!



Cedar-Knox will be closed

November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day and **November 28th & 29th** for the Thanksgiving holiday.



SPOTTED!

This harvest season we spotted several local farmers practicing safety around electricity by **Looking Up and Looking Out** for powerlines. We treated them to a duffle bag of goodies and thanked them for being safe. Thanks guys!

