

June is National Safety Month

Tree Branches and Power Lines

Nebraska's high winds are known for snapping large tree branches from their trunks and leaving them littered across the city. If a tree branch touches a high-voltage power line, electricity from the line can spark fires and damage nearby property. If you see a branch that has fallen into a power line, stay away and call Hastings Utilities at 402-463-1371.

Fallen Power Lines

Severe storms can damage power poles and lines, and downed power lines should never be touched. Follow these guidelines, and always assume that a fallen power line is live:

- Avoid touching the downed line with your hand or an object, such as a stick, broom or pole.
- Avoid touching anything, such as a car, object or equipment, or anyone who is in contact with a fallen power line.
- Keep children and pets away from fallen electric lines.
- Avoid driving over a fallen power line.
- Hastings Utilities at 402-463-1371 to report a fallen power line.

Save Energy and Money During the Hottest Months of the Year

Electric Heat Pump Incentives

Despite the name, electric heat pumps are not used for simply heating the home. They can be used for cooling during the summer as well. Its function is to move heat: either to bring it inside your home when it's cold or to move heat outside when it's hot. An electric heat pump is a singular system that can do this job while saving you energy costs. The Hastings Utilities Department has cash incentives to help you reach your energy goals at hastingsutilities.com.

Rain Sensor Rebate

A rainfall sensor is a device that turns off an automatic lawn sprinkler system when it rains. It prevents needless watering since Mother Nature has already taken care of the task. The sensor can significantly reduce your usage of water and therefore help to lower your monthly water bill. Find rebates at hastingsutilities.com.