

# Summer Safety Tips

- Ensure all overhead lines are clear of trees, play structures, your house and portable pools.
- When cleaning eavestroughs or roofs, be careful with your ladder around powerlines and the electrical mast.
- Call before you dig to mark where electrical cables are buried when installing decks, fence posts, etc.
- Water and electricity don't mix - around a pool or hot tub, ensure all outdoor plugs have ground fault protection.
- Keep all electrical equipment, including electronics away from a pool or hot tub.
- Do not plug generators directly into a home outlet without an approved recessed male adapter and transfer switch to prevent back feed. This is to prevent harm to a utility line worker making repairs to your system. It is illegal to connect a generator without a transfer switch.



## CABINS & COTTAGES

- Ensure that trees haven't grown around powerlines over the winter, if they are damaged or sagging call the Utility.
- Check all appliances and cords (stove, water heater, pumps, and fridge) for rodent or water damage.
- All electrical connections and plugs must be outside of your septic system, it's an explosion hazard.
- Never use extension cords that are frayed, damaged or have prongs removed or altered.
- Keep your family safe by replacing older outdoor receptacles with ground fault receptacles.
- Any new plugs added outside of a cabin must be ground fault protected and tested regularly.
- Ensure your electrical panel is always accessible.
- All electrical work must be covered by an electrical permit.



## BOAT DOCKS & MARINAS

- ⚠ Swimming should be restricted around a dock or marina with electricity, place warning signs: "ELECTRIC SHOCK HAZARD: SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK"
- ⚠ Have your dockside electrical system inspected by a licensed electrical contractor.
- ⚠ Never use extension cords that are frayed, damaged or have the prongs removed or altered.
- ⚠ All circuits feeding the dock/marina must be ground fault protected and tested regularly.

