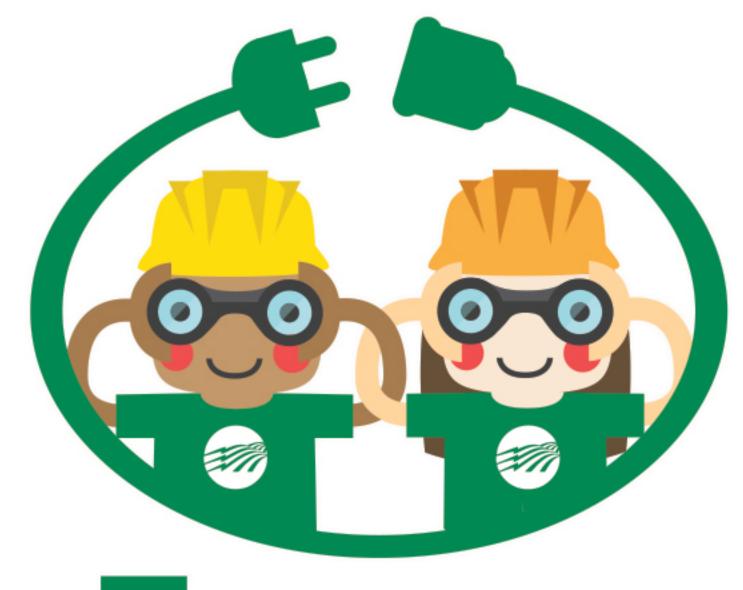


Whether you live on a farm or in the city, always remember to avoid playing near power lines and other electrical equipment.



Energy Exporers



A Field Guide to Overhead Power Lines

High-voltage transmission lines are used to deliver electricity from generation plants to consumers.

### HIGH-VOLTAGE TRANSMISSION LINES

Large amounts of power, measured by watts, are delivered by transmission lines. These lines are energized with very high voltage in order to move the power long distances with minimal losses. Insulators on the towers prevent the power from flowing to the towers or the ground.

Electric cooperatives own and maintain 65,000 miles (6 percent) of the nation's transmission lines.



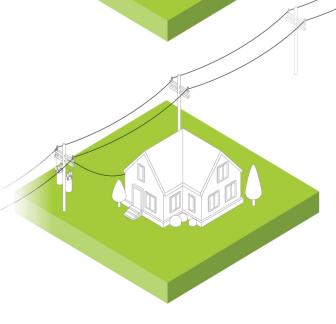
Transformers at transmission substations reduce the voltage from transmission levels to sub-transmission levels, typically ranging from 115,000 volts to 34,500 volts. Sub-transmission lines deliver power over shorter distances to distribution substations and large industrial sites. At distribution substations and large industrial sites, transformers reduce the voltage to a lower level, typically 7,200 volts or 14,400 volts.

#### **DISTRIBUTION LINES**

The lines typically seen along rural roads and next to homes are generally single phase distribution line, energized at 7,200 or 14,400 volts. Transformers on the utility poles lower the voltage to between 120 and 480 volts to serve residential homes and small businesses.

Electric cooperatives own and maintain 2.6 million miles (42 percent) of the nation's distribution lines.







## **Electrical Safety Activity**



#### **Instructions:**

Mark the four electrical hazards shown below with an "X." Use the safety tips to identify the hazards. Share these tips with your family and friends, and remember to always play it safe near electricity!

#### **Electrical Safety Tips:**

- Do not overload electrical outlets.
   Overloaded outlets are a fire hazard!
- Keep liquids and drinks away from all electronics, like TVs, computers and gaming consoles. If the liquids spill, they could cause shock or fire!
- Never place items like clothing or toys on top of a lamp! Leaving flammable items near lightbulbs creates a fire hazard.
- Never leave electrical cords in an area where people walk! The exposed cord creates a tripping hazard.

# HOW MUCH DO YOU RELY ON ELECTRICITY?



Electricity plays a major part in our everyday lives. We depend on it for nearly everything we do! How much do you rely on electricity? List your favorite activities below and determine if they use electricity.

ACTIVITY	EQUIPMENT I USED	WAS ELECTRICITY USED?
read a book	lightbulb	yes
played video games	TV/gaming system	yes





## Word Search

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#### Help Willie Wiredhand find these words in the puzzle box.

BEAGLE
BLOODHOUND
BOXER
BULLDOG
CHIHUAHUA
COLLIE
CORGI

DACHSHUND DALMATION FOXHOUND GREYHOUND HUSKY MALTESE MASTIFF MUTT
PEKINGESE
PINSCHER
POINTER
POMERANIAN
POODLE
RETRIEVER

ROTTWEILER SCHNAUZER SHEEPDOG SHEPHERD WEIMARANER WHIPPET WOLFHOUND