

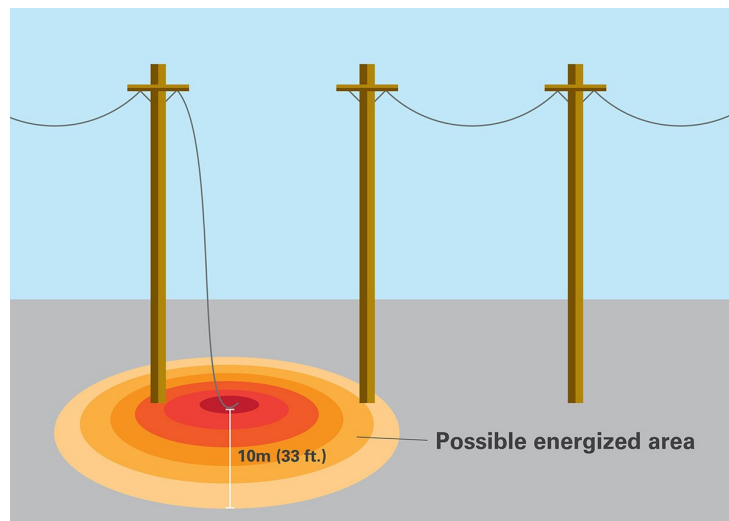
## Be Safe & Prepared for Severe Storms

Severe storms are more common in the spring and summer, but can occur anytime of year. Make sure you are prepared and know how to stay safe.

**Stay Safe:** When venturing outside, stay away from downed power lines and be alert to the possibility that tree limbs or debris may be covering an electrical hazard. If you are driving and see a downed power line or hit a pole and the power lines are damaged, stay in your vehicle, warn others to stay away and contact our office and emergency personnel.

If you have medical devices that are life sustaining and run off electricity, have live stock or to keep sump pumps running; you might want to look at getting a generator.

REC cannot predict the weather or know the working conditions that can affect the length of the outage.



**OUR OFFICE WILL  
BE CLOSED ON  
JULY 5TH**

# ALWAYS ASSUME **LIVE**

Downed power lines can be **deadly**. Always assume a downed power line is **live** and avoid approaching them or anything near them.

## Use Precaution



Downed power lines can energize the ground up to **35 feet away**. Even more in wet conditions.



**Never drive over** downed power lines or anything in contact with them.



If you see a downed power line, **call 911**.



**Never try to move** a downed power line.

If a vehicle contacts a **power line** or **utility pole**...

## STAY AWAY AND CALL 911



Consider **all lines** to be live and dangerous.



Stay in place or inside your vehicle unless you see **fire** or **smoke**.



Warn others to stay at least **35 feet away**.



**Tell others** not to approach vehicle, downed lines, or anything that may be in contact with downed lines.



Call **911**.



## In the Event of Fire or Smoke

**Do not** touch the ground and vehicle at the **same time**.



Jump from the vehicle with your **feet together**.



**Shuffle away**, avoid lifting your feet.



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## Dill Pickle Pasta Salad

### Ingredients:

1/2 pound dry shell pasta (about 3 cups)  
3/4 cup pickles (sliced)  
2/3 cup cheddar cheese (diced)  
3 tablespoons white onion (finely chopped)  
2 tablespoons fresh dill  
1/2 cup pickle juice

### Dressing:

2/3 cup mayonnaise  
1/3 cup sour cream  
1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper  
4 tablespoons pickle juice  
Salt & pepper to taste

### Instructions:

1. Boil pasta al dente according to package directions. Run under cold water to stop cooking.
2. Toss cold pasta with about 1/2 cup of pickle juice and set aside for about 5 minutes. Drain & discard pickle juice.
3. Combine all dressing ingredients in a small bowl and mix well.
4. Toss all ingredients in a large bowl. Refrigerate at least 1 hour before serving.



## Easy Tips for Making the Summer Shift

- Longer day-light hours have arrived. Shut off unnecessary lights.
- Start the dishwasher after 7 p.m., then open the door when the rinse cycle is complete to let the dishes air dry overnight.
- Utilize a programmable thermostat. Set the temperature to 78 degrees when no one is home.
- Do laundry early in the morning or in the evening after 7 p.m. using cold water when possible. Take advantage of free solar energy to dry your clothes outside on a clothes line.
- Draw curtains to keep strong sunlight from over heating the interior of your home and increasing the use of air conditioning.
- Advanced power strips can help reduce the amount of “vampire electricity” pulled by electronics when they are plugged in, but not in use.



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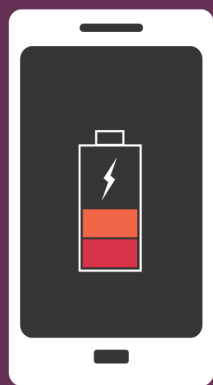
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## TIPS TO **SAFELY** CHARGE YOUR ELECTRONICS



Don't buy cheaply made, off-brand charging cubes and cables. They can be **potential fire hazards**, cause electrocution, or damage the device.



Throw away charger blocks and cords that are worn or damaged and **make sure they are not hot** when charging devices.

**NOT  
IN BED**

Only charge devices on a **hard, flat, noncombustible surface** to allow for adequate ventilation.



**Do not touch** any electronic devices that are charging **when you are wet** or standing in water.

Learn more at

**Safe  
Electricity.org**

It is estimated that **11% of all power outages** are caused by our furry friend, the squirrel.



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