

HIGH PLAINS POWER CURRENT



Helping You Harness Safety

TREE TRIMMING AND LANDSCAPING SAFETY

As Spring looms on the horizon, we at High Plains Power want to emphasize safety when it comes to trees and powerlines. Tree limbs growing into the lines creates a fire hazard.

Wet spring conditions can cause trees to be conductors, which increases the hazards. We discourage members from doing their own trimming under the power lines. Trees or tree limbs can fall in the wrong direction or fall into the lines and damage power infrastructure or injure anyone on the ground. Best practice is to notify us that branches are in or close to the lines and having our trained tree trimmers address the issue.

Our crews and tree trimmers patrol our service area and track areas that need attention. If you notice that tree branches are interfering with the power lines on your property, we encourage you to give us a call so we can get you on our schedule!

Here are a few tips that will help you with future landscaping projects:

Look up before you plant! If there are power lines, don't plant anything that grows to that height.

Be aware that trees with medium or moderate growth will add 13-24" of height per year.

Call 811 before you dig! Know where your utilities are so you don't hit lines when you begin your landscape project.

Look down before you dig! Be aware of underground powerlines and whether or not root systems will grow into them and disrupt your power.

- Brian Heiner, Safety Manager



Recipe

BROCCOLI SALAD SUPREME

10 cups broccoli florets 1 cup sliced Celery
 6 cups seedles red grapes 6 grn onions, sliced
 2 cups Mayo 2 Tblsp cider vinegar
 2/3 cup sugar 1 lb cooked bacon, crumbled
 1 1/3 cups slivered almonds, toasted

Combine broccoli, grapes, celery & onions.
 Combine mayo, sugar & vinegar. Pour over broccoli mixture and toss to coat. Chill 4 hrs or overnight, stir in bacon and almonds, Stir and serve.



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OR CLASS? CALL US!
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Safety Demos and Safety Culture

A culture of safety is always important, especially in industries like ours, due to the nature of the work and the hazards of the equipment and environment. But a culture of safety is a great thing to have in any work or school environment.

Effective safety awareness leads to safer attitudes and better safety consciousness which leads to safer working practices and accident prevention. This applies across the board to any operation, business or school vocational program.

At High Plains, we support a strong culture of safety. We work hard to lead by example and provide relevant electrical safety training both internally and to our community. Part of our safety culture is reflected in the community outreach programs we offer. We offer Safety Demos for schools, Ag days and STEM programs.

Recently we hosted DOT personnel for OSHA 10 & 30 courses here at our headquarters.

Soon we will be adding our Story Behind the Switch program. Stay Tuned!



Photo credit: Brian Heiner, Pole replacement after windstorm

CAUTION!

If you are out and about, and you see our crews working, please slow down and drive cautiously around the work area! System maintenance and repair happens year round. It is common for a worksite to have many moving parts: equipment, people, powerlines and poles. Please be careful!

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