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7 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Monday – Friday
651-463-6212 or 1-800-874-3409
Minnesota Relay Service 711
customerservice@dakotaelectric.com

Lobby - 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday

4300 220th Street West
Farmington, MN 55024

24-Hour Outage & Emergency Service

651-463-6201 or 1-800-430-9722

Underground Cable Locations

Gopher State One Call 811 or
651-454-0002 or 1-800-252-1166
www.gopherstateonecall.org

New Construction & Rebuild Existing Services

651-463-6247

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Safety

It's more than a program. It's a commitment.

When members think about Dakota Electric, they often think about reliable power, responsive service and keeping the lights on. What makes all of that possible is a strong commitment to safety.

Safety isn't a once-a-year training or a box to check. It's a commitment that guides every decision we make, every day.

Whether crews are restoring power after a storm, replacing equipment, trimming trees near power lines or responding to an outage, safety is always the first priority. Before any job begins, employees take time to identify potential hazards, review procedures and ensure they have the proper equipment and training to perform the work safely.

That commitment extends across the entire cooperative. Field employees regularly participate in hands-on training and emergency response exercises, while office employees receive ongoing safety education and preparedness training. Dakota Electric also participates in the

Rural Electric Safety Achievement Program (RESAP), a national safety accreditation program that helps electric cooperatives continuously evaluate and improve their safety practices.

Safety is also about protecting the communities we serve. From maintaining our electric system to educating members about electrical hazards, Dakota Electric works to reduce risks and keep people safe around electricity.

While electricity powers our everyday lives, it should always be treated with respect. Members can help keep themselves and others safe by staying away from downed power lines, keeping a safe distance from electrical equipment and always calling 811 before starting any digging project.

At Dakota Electric, safety isn't just part of the job. It's part of who we are. By putting safety first, we help protect our employees, members and communities while continuing to deliver the reliable service you depend on.



Do not pet the green box.

Meet the neighborhood's most misunderstood box. The big green box, also known as a pad-mounted transformer, may not win any neighborhood beauty contests, but it's an important piece of equipment that helps deliver electricity to homes and businesses throughout the community. While safe when left alone, it's not meant for climbing, playing, or exploring. Give it space and leave the power to the pros.



Not a jungle gym

Pad-mounted transformers aren't built for climbing, sitting, or playing. Never put hands, sticks, toys, or other objects into any openings.

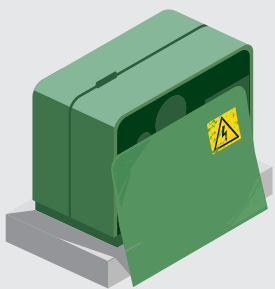
Dig smart. Stay safe.

Underground power lines surround transformers. Before starting any digging project, **call 811** to have utilities marked. It's the law.



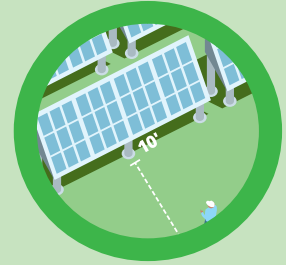
If it looks off, call it in.

If you spot an open door, damaged equipment, or signs of tampering, please contact Dakota Electric right away at 651-463-6201.



Be solar savvy

Solar panels may run on sunshine, but they're still part of an electrical system. Keep these safety tips in mind when you're near solar panels.



DO

Stay at least 10 feet away from the installation.



DON'T

Walk on solar panels.



DON'T

Cut any wiring to the solar panels.



DON'T

Touch broken or damaged solar panels.

Scammers be scamming

Today's scammers are sneaky and sophisticated — targeting potential victims by phone, online and in-person. Scammers often target individuals or communities that are in need or susceptible to their schemes. By knowing what you can expect from Dakota Electric, you'll be better prepared to spot and stop a scam.



DAKOTA ELECTRIC WILL

- Drive a Dakota Electric vehicle, wear company clothing and carry Dakota Electric identification.
- Allow you to verify our identity. Ask to see a Dakota Electric photo ID and have the person wait outside while you call us at 651-463-6212 to verify.
- Help you make payment arrangements for past due accounts. If no payment agreement is reached, service may be disconnected.



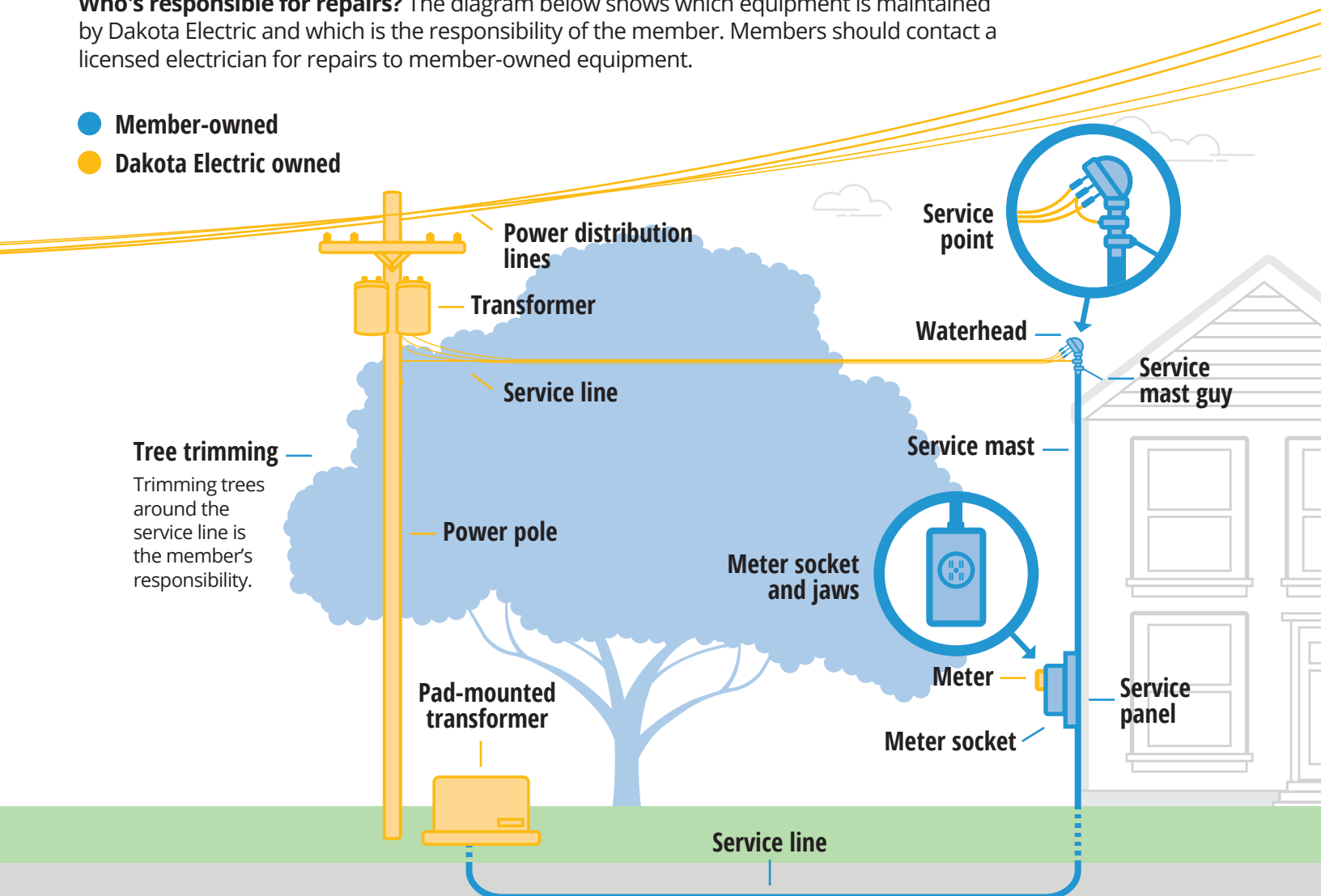
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- Demand immediate payments by prepaid credit or debit cards.
- Call claiming you have overpaid your utility bill, and ask you to provide personal bank account information or a credit card number to facilitate a refund.
- Call asking for social security numbers, credit card or banking information to avoid disconnection.
- Disconnect your service outside of our office hours: 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Who owns what?

Who's responsible for repairs? The diagram below shows which equipment is maintained by Dakota Electric and which is the responsibility of the member. Members should contact a licensed electrician for repairs to member-owned equipment.

- Member-owned
- Dakota Electric owned



The **power** behind every **bite**

What does it take to get food from the farm to your table?
More electricity than you might think!

Dakota Electric recently partnered with the University of Minnesota Extension to bring an engaging, hands-on lesson to local classrooms, helping students discover the important role electricity plays throughout the food journey. From growing and harvesting crops to storing, transporting, and keeping food safe, electricity powers nearly every step of the process.

The program also gives teen 4-H youth leaders the opportunity to lead educational sessions and share their knowledge with younger students. Their enthusiasm and leadership have helped make each lesson interactive, memorable, and fun.

After visiting several classrooms, the program has already sparked curiosity and excitement among students, and it's just getting started. Dakota Electric is grateful for the partnership with 4-H Youth Development and Extension Educator Jess Beissel in developing and delivering this valuable educational experience. The program will continue into the next school year, inspiring even more students to explore the connection between electricity and agriculture.



PII member notice available

We understand the importance of protecting the Personally Identifiable Information (PII) provided by our members. Dakota Electric protects its members' privacy in accordance with all regulatory and legal requirements. To learn more, view our PII member notice brochure by visiting:
www.dakotaelectric.com/member-services/billing-payments/electric-rates-rights.



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Upcoming Events

- **Office Closed**
July 2 & 3, Independence Day
- **Member Appreciation Event**
July 21, 4-8 p.m.
Minnesota Zoo
- **Board Meeting**
July 23, 8:30 a.m.

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DAKOTA ELECTRIC'S MEMBER APPRECIATION EVENT

Tuesday, July 21 | 4-8 p.m.



MINNESOTA ZOO®

Join us at the zoo for our FREE member appreciation event!

Register online today!!

For further details and registration, scan the QR code or go to <https://my.mnzoo.org/all-zoo-rentals/dakota-electric-member-appreciation-day>. Registration is highly encouraged, however we will accept recent electric bills and *Circuits* for admission.

Food shelf donation

Please consider donating non-perishable food items (no plastic bags, please) to support our local food shelves. Cash donations are also accepted.



For questions regarding rentals or Zoo amenities, please call the Minnesota Zoo at 952-431-9500.

We hope to see you there!