

# Outdoor Electrical Safety

Lighting to improve the look and safety of our homes, electric tools to make our outdoor work easier, and power lines to our home, all need to be handled with care.

## Outside Electrical Work

- Have a qualified electrician do all electrical work.
- To prevent an electrical shock, make sure all your outside electrical receptacles are GFCI (ground-fault circuit interrupter) protected.

## Equipment Safety

- Use lighting and power tools that are listed by a qualified test laboratory and make sure they are made for outdoor use.
- Store your electrical tools indoors.
- Keep electric tools away from children.
- Keep the area around your electric meter and other electrical equipment clear.
- Check lighting and extension cords for damage before using. Replace any damaged cords right away.
- Use extension cords that are listed by a qualified test laboratory and are marked for outdoor use.
- Extension cords are not meant for long-term use.

## POWER LINES

Have a professional tree cutting service trim branches that might fall on electric wiring. Use a wooden or fiberglass ladder outside. Keep the ladder at least 10 feet away from power lines. Never touch anyone or anything in contact with a downed wire. Power lines may be live, stay a safe distance away. Report downed wires to authorities right away.

## IMPORTANT REMINDER

Call **"Before You Dig"** (8-1-1) before any digging on your property. They will mark where your underground utilities are located. ***It's a free service!***

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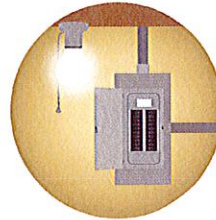


# Be fire smart

with **electricity** throughout your home.



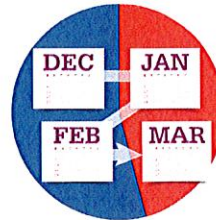
There are **more than 45,000** home electrical fires each year.



About **half** of these involve lighting equipment or home electrical wiring.

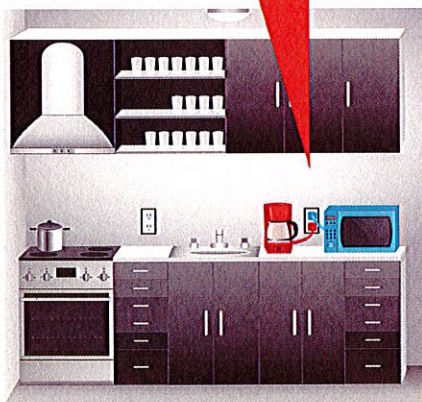


Home electrical fire deaths peak between **midnight and 6 a.m.**



Peak months for electrical fire deaths are **December through March.**

Plug only **one** heat-producing appliance (such as a coffee maker, space heater, or microwave) directly into a wall outlet at a time.



Extension cords should only be used temporarily. Have an electrician install additional wall outlets where you need them.



Never use an extension cord with a heat-producing appliance.

For more information about electrical fire safety, visit [www.usfa.fema.gov](http://www.usfa.fema.gov) and [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org)

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