

## Prevent Power Line Contacts – Look Up and Around



Contact with power lines is 100% preventable when you plan ahead, know the size of your equipment and look up and around, all day and every day.

However, if you do happen to contact a power line with your equipment, avoid injury or death with these steps:

- 1 Break the contact.** Do what you can to break the electrical circuit. When possible, move the arm of your sprayer or auger, or whatever is touching the line, away from the line.
- 2 Stay put and keep others away.** If you can't break the contact, stay in the vehicle, keep others away and call for help.
- 3 Call for help.** Call 911 or ATCO Electric's emergency line (1-800-668-5506) so crews can isolate and ground the line to make it safe to get out of your vehicle.



If you must exit your vehicle, follow these steps to stay safe:

- 1 Open the door to your vehicle.** Be sure to open it as wide as possible.
- 2 Jump from your vehicle, landing with both feet together.** When jumping, make sure you don't touch the vehicle and ground at the same time; that is why you need to be sure your door is open as wide as possible.
- 3 Shuffle or hop, don't step.** After you jump, shuffle or hop at least 10 meters away. Make sure the heel of one foot never passes the toe of the other.
- 4 Don't touch anything** (vehicle, passengers) until you're clear (at least 10 meters), and don't return to your vehicle until help arrives and confirms it is safe to do so.



**Hop or shuffle** away from an energized line until you are 10 meters (33 feet) away

For power outages, emergency power troubles and service requests, contact the distribution system operator for FENN REA: **ATCO Electric**  
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# Be Electrically Wise When Working or Schooling from Home

One of the learnings from COVID-19 is that many Albertans, including those in the agricultural community who work off the farm, have had their workplace altered. They are assigned to work from home and/or have children who are adjusting to schooling at home.

More people in the home means more electricity usage and we offer the following tips.

## Be electrically safe:

- Working from home may mean that you now have an additional laptop or other electronic devices in your home. Be careful not to overload circuits.
- If extension cords are required, check them for damage before plugging in.
- Place cords so they do not create a tripping hazard.

## Be electrically efficient:

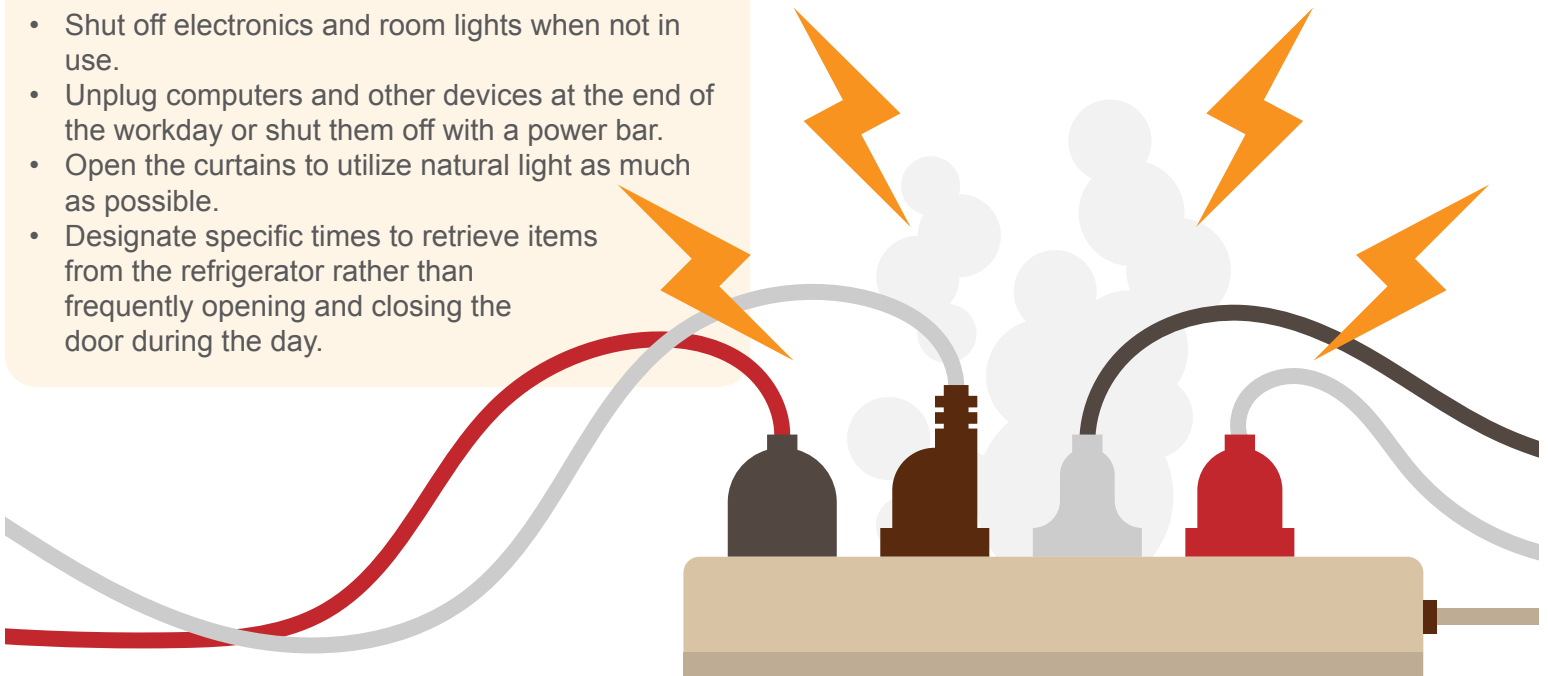
- Shut off electronics and room lights when not in use.
- Unplug computers and other devices at the end of the workday or shut them off with a power bar.
- Open the curtains to utilize natural light as much as possible.
- Designate specific times to retrieve items from the refrigerator rather than frequently opening and closing the door during the day.

## Involve children in electrical efficiency:

- Encourage children to do some of their school assignments outdoors.
- Teach by example, by filling the dishwasher to capacity before running, and washing full loads of clothes.
- Dry clothes outside.

## And most importantly, look after yourself:

- Take breaks.
- Take time for family.



## Regulated Rate Option (RRO)

The RRO rate may increase or decrease from month to month as it is priced on the open market and subject to many factors relating to supply and demand. If you do not have a contract with an electricity retailer, then you receive the default RRO rate.

For April 2020, the RRO has been adjusted to \$0.06362 per kWh, which is reflected on your enclosed bill. For May 2020, the Battle River Power Coop monthly RRO billing rate for FENN REA members is \$0.06325. The RRO rate is also listed on [www.fennrea.com](http://www.fennrea.com).

Members are free to purchase electricity services from a retailer of their choice. For a list of retailers, visit [ucahelps.alberta.ca](http://ucahelps.alberta.ca) or call 310-4822 (toll free in Alberta).

Information on FENN REA's Code of Conduct Compliance Plan can be found on our website: [www.fennrea.com](http://www.fennrea.com)