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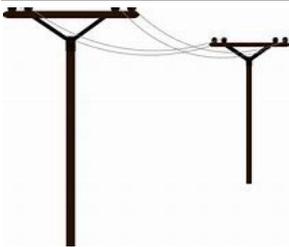
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**MID-YELLOWSTONE  
ELECTRIC  
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**ALONG THESE LINES . . .**



**CALL BEFORE YOU DIG**

Homeowners are installing mailboxes, building fences, planting trees and shrubs, building decks or patios, putting in new gardens, etc.

Homeowners need to call 811—the “One Call” service—which then alerts utilities with underground facilities in the area of the dig. Every digging project requires a call to 811 at least 2 business days prior to the excavation. It’s the Law.

Instead of calling 811, homeowners can go to [www.montana811.org](http://www.montana811.org) and click on a box called “Homeowner — Submit a Locate Request Online.”

What information do you need before calling 811?

1. Your name, phone number, company name if applicable, and mailing address.
2. The name and phone number of an alternate contact in case you can’t be reached.
3. The type of work being done.
4. Who the work is being done for.
5. The county and city where the digging will occur.
6. The address or the street where the digging will occur.
7. The nearest cross street or road. (even if the intersection is miles away)
8. The distance and direction of the worksite from the intersection.
9. Either white or pink paint/flags to mark the outline of the area you will be digging.
10. The township, range, section, and quarter section of the worksite.
11. The GPS coordinates (if available) of the center point of the work area.

REMEMBER THAT COOPERATIVES AND OTHER UTILITIES ARE ONLY OBLIGATED TO LOCATE THEIR OWN FACILITIES. Many homeowners own numerous underground lines. Mid-Yellowstone Electric line crews often do not have the time to locate members’ underground lines. If MYEC is at the site locating its own underground lines; they may, on occasion, locate a line belonging to the member. Since many farmsteads have a cobweb of buried lines, MYEC will not guarantee an accurate location for members’ underground lines.

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## Avoid phone scams



**Urgent call from a utility? It could be a scam.**

Every year, thousands of people lose money to telephone scams. Well-organized scammers can spoof, or replicate, the phone number so that it appears on your caller ID to make it look like it is coming from your trusted energy provider.

These scams tend to use

aggressive and intimidating tactics. The scammer will insist you're behind on your utility bill and threaten to disconnect service or take legal action. The scammer will typically demand that you use a prepaid debit card or money order, often within a short, urgent timeframe, to pay the "past due" amount. At this point, you might be panicking, and that's what these imposters are counting on.

You can combat this scam by being aware of the status of your account. Never give your banking or personal information over the phone to someone you did not call. If you receive a call from anyone requesting personal or banking information, hang up. Call the provider directly. Do not use the phone number given by the scammer. ■

## Fun Facts about the month of August

- ⇒ National Watermelon Day—August 3
- ⇒ National Smile Week — August 5—11
- ⇒ Official August flower is the gladiolus
- ⇒ On August 21, 1911, the Mona Lisa was stolen from the Louvre Gallery and not recovered for two years.
- ⇒ Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his famed 'I have a dream' speech, which was given on August 28, 1963.
- ⇒ The month of August is often referred to as the "dog days of summer", but not because of pets. It has to do with the star, Sirius, also known as the dog star, which rose at the same time as sunrise during the month of August in ancient Roman times.
- ⇒ In the early Roman calendar, August was actually the sixth month of the year. It was originally 30 days in length, but an extra day was added so that it would equal the number of days in July.

### Manage Your Account



Use SmartHub to...

- Pay Your Bill
- Check Your Energy Usage
- Set Up Auto Bank Drafts
- Update Account Info
- Contact Member Services

Safe, secure & fast!

REMEMBER TO READ YOUR METER(S) ON THE 20TH —

Call it into the office, enter it online or mail it using a meter reading card — if mailing, please try to send it in as soon as you can so that it can be entered before the bills are processed. Thank you!

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# Put SAFETY 1st!

## Is your wiring safe?

Watch for these **four indicators**:

- *Whenever you turn on an appliance, such as a dishwasher, the lights in your home dim.*
- *You frequently have problems with fuses blowing or circuit breakers tripping off.*
- *Appliances that should heat up, such as toasters and irons, don't get as hot as they should or take a longer time to heat up.*
- *Your television picture shrinks when other lights or appliances come on.*

If any of these problems plague your home, **call a licensed electrician**. Put safety first!

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