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the Quality of Life for
Nebraskans Now and
in the Future.*

A Message from our Assistant General Manager of Retail



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Welcome to the Fall issue of NPPD's customer newsletter! As you take a few minutes to review this issue, I want to say hello and introduce

myself. My name is Dave Mazankowski, and 2021 marks my 13th year with NPPD, the last three months serving in my new role as Assistant General Manager of Retail.

My previous positions focused mainly on the financial and accounting side of NPPD. This background has been an excellent stepping stone to prepare me for new challenges in a leadership role. Like others on the retail

management team, I look forward to keeping our focus on the three "R's," Reliability, Rates, and Relationships.

Born and raised in Nebraska, I value the benefits that our state has to offer. One of these benefits is that we are the only state in the U.S. where every home and business receives electric service from a publicly-owned utility.



That means your electricity comes to you as a not-for-profit. Our cost-of-service-based rates mean your electricity bill includes only the cost of generating and delivering safe, reliable power. Because of public power, Nebraskans pay at least 15% below the national average for their energy usage.

Additionally, I am proud to be part of a team where our members live in the communities we serve and pay the same rates as you for electric service. We take pride in our communities as we give back by serving on local school boards, coaching youth sports, serving on festival committees and church boards, to name a few of our contributions.

As I wrap up my introduction, I am happy to say that, at this time, NPPD remains on track to financially make 2022 the ninth year in a row with no overall retail rate increase. I want to assure you we continually look for ways to control spending and bring customers the best in technology. As always, we remain committed to serving you.

Take care and be safe!

Educate children on dangers of outdoor electrical equipment

Beautiful fall days beckon the child in all of us to go outside to play.

Children and young adults may not recognize the dangers of outdoor electric equipment, so it's imperative to educate them to spot hazards and know how to stay safe around them. Point out electrical equipment like overhead power lines and service lines connected to homes. They should never try to reach them with a stick or long object.

Ensure they understand that climbing trees and flying kites should be done safely and away from overhead lines. Explain that green metal boxes contain electrical equipment and are not platforms or toys. Teach them to never go into a substation to retrieve a toy or for any other reason. Point out "Danger. High Voltage" signs.



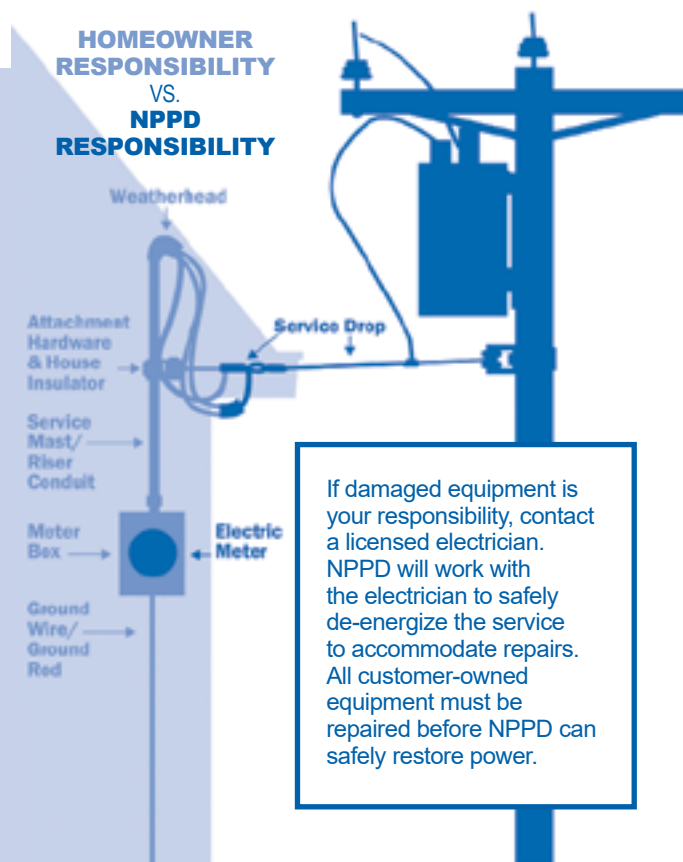
Damaged electrical equipment? Responsibility 101

The delivery of safe, reliable power is always the top priority of NPPD and our teammates. As a utility, it is not uncommon to sometimes experience extensive damage to lines, poles, and transformers because of storms. The result can sometimes mean prolonged outages.

When this happens, crews work as safely and quickly as possible to complete service restorations. Homes and businesses can also suffer extensive damage to their service connections. These repairs involve coordination between customers, NPPD, and a licensed electrician.

It's important to know which sections you, as a customer, are responsible for maintaining and which sections are NPPD's responsibility to keep everyone safe.

Review the graphic to the right to get a better understanding of who is responsible.



Saving while conquering endless piles of laundry



September often signals the beginning of fall. Along with their parents, students are excited to return to school and their fall sports and other activities. For many, it means spending more time outdoors working on projects that didn't get done over the summer.

No matter your chore, it's a safe bet that the laundry piles continue to grow this time of year for many of us. Did you know that your home washer and dryer can account for a large portion of your energy consumption?

FOLLOW THESE LAUNDRY TIPS TO LESSEN YOUR ELECTRICAL LOAD:

- **Wash full loads** – Your machine uses the same amount of energy no matter the load size, so fill it up!
- **Use high-speed spin cycle** – This setting will remove more moisture, thus reducing drying time and extra wear and tear on clothing.
- **Use dryer balls** – Wool or rubber dryer balls keep clothes separated, making for faster drying. They also reduce static and can eliminate dryer sheets.
- **Dry heavier cotton items separately** – loads will dry faster and more evenly if these items, such as linens and towels, are dried separately from other lightweight clothing.

For more tips, visit nppd.energywisenebraska.com/energy-savings-tips.

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