

Energy *Lines*

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Get the scoop **BEFORE** you dig

If your outdoor project involves any type of digging, make one phone call to **Dig Safely New York** at **1.800.962.7962** to avoid injury by accidentally digging into underground utility services. *Dig Safely New York* will arrange for any buried utility lines to be marked before you start your work. To use this **free** service, you (or your contractor) must call *Dig Safely New York* at least two days – but not more than 10 days – in advance of your project.



- Call before you dig
- Wait the required time
- Confirm utility response
- Respect the marks
- Dig with care

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Celebrate National Agriculture Day – March 20th



Join with us in saluting our farm customers across New York State recognizing the important role agriculture plays in our lives.

By providing safe and reliable service to our customers – who represent more than 50% of New York's 30,000 farms – we will continue to do our part to energize New York agriculture.



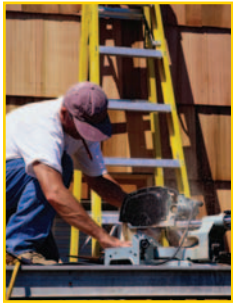
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It's a breeze when you use caution

Spring breezes make for a great kite season. Here are some safety tips to remember as we enjoy spring weather.



- ⊗ Be aware of your surroundings and don't fly kites near power lines.
- ⊗ When flying kites, never use a string with wire or anything metallic in the line.
- ⊗ Don't fly a kite in wet or stormy weather – even wet string can conduct electricity.
- ⊗ Don't take chances! If your kite drifts near a power line, **let go of it**.
- ⊗ Never try to retrieve a kite tangled in a power line – call us at 1.800.572.1111.



*The **results** can be shocking*

Springtime activities can easily be distracting. It pays to use energy safely and wisely when working on outdoor projects.

- Water and electricity **NEVER** mix. Keep power tools away from water, including rain, wet ground, swimming pools, sprinklers and garden hoses.
- Add weatherproof covers and GFCI's (ground-fault circuit interrupters), on outdoor electrical outlets to protect yourself against electrical shock.

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