

# Lifetime of SAFETY



## *Safety messages for Texans of all ages*

Oncor Electric Delivery is offering the public a free online home safety checklist for a do-it-yourself audit. The checklist addresses common electrical hazards both inside the house and outdoors. Because the information and suggested actions can literally save lives, it is one of the most important home audits anyone can perform.

Go to [www.oncor.com](http://www.oncor.com) to print the safety checklist, and take less than an hour to walk through your home and check for hazards. The time it takes to check conditions around the home will be time well-spent.

Home gardeners and landscapers should pay special attention to Oncor's Lifetime of Safety tips for outdoor digging where there is underground electric service.

Texans are fortunate to have a special program known as DIG TESS, with a toll-free number to call, 1-800-DIG-TESS (1-800-344-8377), in order to have underground utility lines located and marked before digging. State law requires such a call before digging 16 inches or deeper.

### **Tips for May feature electric safety awareness while working outdoors:**

- **Recognize signs of underground electric service in unfamiliar areas:** transformers enclosed in large metal boxes, padlocked and set on concrete pads at ground level; and the lack of visible electric lines from a utility pole to the house.
- **Keep outdoor electric outlets covered and dry.**
- **Make sure electric outlets around pools, ponds, hot tubs or other water are equipped with GFCIs** (Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters) that automatically shut off when the circuit is interrupted.
- **Never run extension cords through wet areas** such as gardens or under hedges or faucets.
- **Be sure any extension cords you use outside are approved for outdoor use.**

For more information about electric safety, visit

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