

STAY SAFE DURING WINTER STORMS

SAFETY IS A big part of our culture at Jackson Energy. Our employees attend regular safety meetings to keep them up-to-date on training and regulations that keep them safe while working on power lines.

We also want our members to be safe around electricity. The winter months, with the potential for snow storms and downed power lines, are a good time to remind you how to be safe around electric lines when storms hit.

- **Stay away from downed power lines** - If you see a downed line, move far away from the line and anything touching it. The human body, which is about 60% water, is a conductor of electricity.

The proper way to move away from the line is to shuffle away with small steps, keep your feet together and on the ground at all times. Taking small, shuffle steps will help prevent the possibility of electrocution from an energized line.

- **Don't drive over a downed power line** - Downed power lines can still be energized, and pose a danger. That danger also includes power lines that may have come down in water, like a puddle or a stream. If the line is energized, the water will conduct electricity.

- **Follow the rules when using generators** - A licensed electrician should install home generators to ensure they meet all electrical codes. Also, make sure your generator is properly grounded in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

Install an automatic transfer switch, which prevents "backfeed" along power lines. Back-feed creates an electrocution hazard for line techs making repairs down the line.

We hope there are no major storms this winter, but if there are, we want you and your family to be safe.