



Power Line Safety

The Ohio Public Utilities Commission and City of Hamilton provide the following guidance for safely working outdoors near power lines:

1. Keep all ladders, scaffolding, powered equipment, and tools at least 10 feet away from any overhead power lines. For high-voltage lines, allow even more clearance. Remember that overhead power lines may not be insulated like normal electric cords, so you should never touch an overhead line.
2. Use clean, dry wood or fiberglass ladders around electric lines instead of metal.
3. When installing a satellite dish on a roof, allow a distance of at least 1.5 times the length of the dish away from any power line. If the dish falls during installation, do not attempt to catch it.
4. Don't attempt to trim trees or shrubs that are growing near power lines. Utilize the City's **311** Service found at the following web address: <https://hamiltonoh.citysourced.com/mobile/>.
5. Make efforts to prevent landscape plants from growing into power lines by selecting low growing plants, or planting at least 10 feet away from power lines.
6. Never allow children to climb trees that are touching electric lines.

7. Never allow children to fly kites, balloons or other toys near power lines. If a flying toy becomes tangled in a power line, do not attempt to retrieve it. Instead, call the City of Hamilton for assistance.
8. Downed power lines are often caused by thunderstorms or other severe weather. Always treat a downed power line as if it were live, and do not touch it or any objects around it. If you see a downed power line, contact the City of Hamilton, police department, fire department immediately.
9. Before beginning a project that requires digging, call 8-1-1 to have underground electric and utility wires marked. You should call at least 48 hours before digging

Accidents

- If someone receives an electric shock from a power line, do not touch the victim or their equipment because you could receive a shock. **Immediately contact 911 for medical assistance.**
- If you are in a car and come in contact with a downed power line, stay in the car and call for help. If you need to get out of the car, jump away from the car and do not touch both the car and the ground at the same time. Immediately call for help, and do not provide physical assistance to anyone who may still be in the car.

Utility issues should be reported to the City of Hamilton - 513-785-7550. Emergencies should be reported to 911.