

DON'T POST SIGNS ON POWER POLES

Doing so can pose a hazard for co-op linemen

What looks like a harmless act of posting a sign or flyer on a power pole to announce an event, lost pet, garage sale, or political candidate is actually a hazard for SSVEC linemen doing their job.

Danger Posed

Not only are these signs “unsightly,” but the nails, staples, and tacks used to post them can pose a real hazard for linemen.

Nails, screws and staples can snag and tear protective materials used for “hot” (energized) line work.

Punctured rubber gloves are useless for high-voltage protection.

In addition, when a lineman is climbing a pole and his climbing hooks hit a nail head or staple, those hooks can “cut out” (let loose of the pole), causing a fall that can seriously injure.

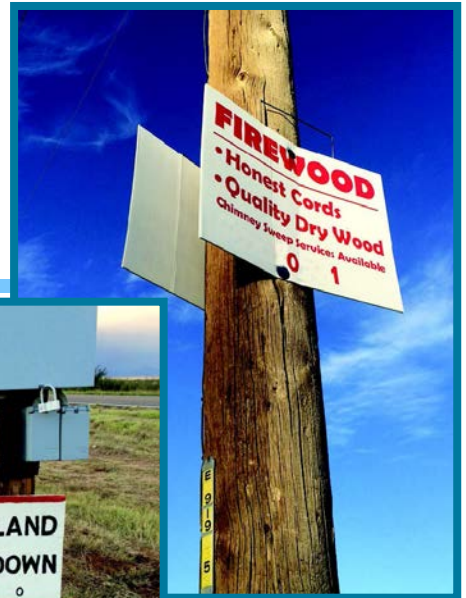
And obviously cooperative members should not attach other items (such as basketball backboards, satellite dishes or yard lights) to electric power poles!

Actions Taken

When co-op employees see signs on poles, they immediately remove them to discourage other people from adding their own signs or flyers.

Let your family, friends and neighbors know that nothing should be attached to power poles.

It's a matter of safety.



SSVEC PHONE NUMBERS

Benson 586-2238	Elfrida 642-3475
Cascabel 212-6001	Pearce 826-6000
Patagonia 394-2051	Sierra Vista 458-4691
San Simon 845-6000	Willcox 384-2221
Sunizona 824-6000	Emergency after-hours (800) 422-3275
Bowie 847-6000	

CALENDAR

— Aug. 22 —
SSVEC Board of Directors Meeting

9:30 a.m. at 311 E. Wilcox Drive, Sierra Vista, Arizona.

Call to members at 9:35 a.m.

— Sept. 3 —
All offices are closed on Labor Day

— Sept. 19 —
SSVEC Board of Directors Meeting

9:30 a.m. at 1557 Cooperative Way, Benson,

Arizona. Call to members at 9:35 a.m.

— Oct. 24 —
SSVEC Board of Directors Meeting

9:30 a.m. at 350 N. Haskell Avenue, Willcox, Arizona.

Call to members at 9:35 a.m.

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Co-op vehicles are “safe havens” for kids

Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative and other local utilities offer some peace of mind for parents.

YOUTH



is a participant in this program.

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

The program uses the McGruff Crime Dog logo to identify utility trucks. Young people are encouraged to seek out these vehicles as safe havens.

A child who is lost, in distress or

in need of help (security, shade, first aid) can approach the utility vehicle. An SSVEC employee will phone authorities, and police or emergency personnel will be dispatched. In the meantime the child remains with the utility employee at the truck.

RATIONALE Carol Capas of the Cochise County Sheriff's Department explains that utilities are ideal partners for this program.

“Utility vehicles routinely travel throughout our communities and in the country extending our ability to help young people. Most utility vehicles are equipped with cell phones or two-way radios making communication faster and easier.”

Southeastern Arizona Businesses

If you own a small business and would like to participate in the Co-op Connections Card program, it's easy to do and there's no charge! The Co-op Connections Card is available to all SSVEC members. If you agree to a special offer at your business (discount, day of the week special, buy one and get one for half price, etc.), SSVEC will list your business, the business phone number and physical address on our website and periodically announce the information on monthly bill inserts or in Currents, the SSVEC member magazine. To receive application forms simply call (520) 384-5510 or (520) 507-2693.

CO-OP Card Businesses

Show your Co-Op Connections Card and get a discount at these local businesses. Need a card? Call (520) 384-5510 or (520) 507-2693

Alluring Image Salon
(520) 586-2217 900A S. Highway 80, Benson 10 percent off all styling products

Benson Blossom Shop
(520) 720-6230 817 W. 4th St., Benson 10 percent off in-store purchases

Eliot's Barbershop
(520) 586-9260 142 W. 5th St., Benson \$1 off services on Thursday

Amerind Museum
(520) 586-3666 2100 N. Amerind Rd., Dagoon 10 percent off items in the gift shop

Kief-Joshua Vineyards
(520) 455-5582 370 Elgin Rd., Elgin Case price discount on all wine purchases

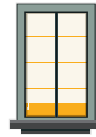
Alphagraphics
(520) 452-8535 342 E. Bartow Drive, Sierra Vista 10 percent off color business cards or color brochures

All Pro Pest Management
(520) 459-8699 1865 Paseo San Luis, Ste. A, Sierra Vista 10 percent off general pest control service or one free termite inspection.



Summer Energy-Saving Tips

Costs associated with cooling your home can make up a large portion of your summer electric bills. Stay cool and save money with these energy efficiency tips!

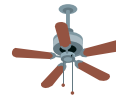


NO-COST TIPS

Close blinds and drapes during the day to keep heat out.



Set your thermostat to 78 degrees when you are home. Set it to a higher temperature when you're away.



Turn off lights and ceiling fans when you leave a room.



LOW-COST TIPS

Plant trees and shrubs to shade the exterior of your home.



Replace disposable air filters (or clean permanent filters) once a month to maximize efficiency.



Use solar lighting to brighten up your outdoor space. Solar lights are easy to install, low maintenance and provide free electricity.

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