## Before You Climb

Using a ladder near overhead power lines could cause electrocution.

## WHEN USING A LADDER:

- 1. Keep yourself and your equipment 10 feet away from overhead power lines.
  - Electricity can arc or jump if a ladder gets to close.
  - A ladder could make direct contact with the line.
- 2. Use a ladder during ideal weather conditions.
  - Rain can make the ground slippery.
  - Wind could blow a ladder into a power line.
  - 3. Do not trim trees/branches that are near power lines.
    - It is dangerous to trim near overhead power lines.
    - By law, only certified line clearance tree trimmers can do so.
- 4. Do not use water or blower extensions to clean gutters near overhead lines.
  - All power lines can cause electrocution, including those feeding your home.
  - Always follow the 10-foot distance rule whe working or playing outside.

Follow all manufacturer's safety recommendations when using a ladder.

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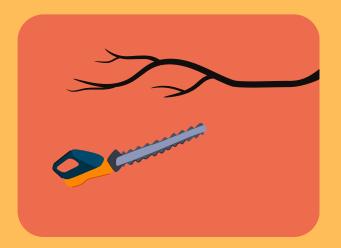
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Do not get within 10 feet (in any direction) of a power line.

Be aware of power lines when working on the roof.





Do not trim branches or limbs near power lines.

Be careful when carrying long or tall objects such as ladders or poles.





Before you dig, call 811 to have underground utilities marked.

Do not dig near padmount transformers or other utility equipment.



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