



# Test sticks?

***Not a safe option***



**“Test sticks” are not a safe method to determine if a downed power line is energized. All downed power lines should be considered energized until an electric utility employee verifies and grounds the line.**

## ***If you see a downed power line:***

1. Establish a safety zone of 25 to 30 feet around the downed line and surrounding electric equipment to keep the public and nonauthorized personnel away.
2. Do not attempt to move a downed power line. Power lines can become re-energized at any time by:
  - Automatic reclosers
  - Manual operation of closers or switches
  - Electric dispatch center attempts to re-establish service
  - Generator backfeed



**Only trained electric utility employees using rated and tested personal protective equipment can determine if a power line is de-energized and safely move the line.**

3. Report all downed power lines to us immediately.

**Public safety agency  
dedicated emergency line:**

**888-296-4937**

**Customer  
power outage hotline:**

**800-662-4797**