

Power Facts

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**LIKE OUR LINEMEN, NEVER
LET YOUR GUARD DOWN
WHEN DEALING WITH
ELECTRICITY.**



Here are a few “must-know” tips to help keep you and your family safe. You may have heard a few of these before, but it can’t hurt to hear them again.

1. Stay away from downed power lines. Don’t drive over them. And remember, it’s not just the power line that may be electrified, but the ground surrounding the line, as well.
2. If a power line is touching your car, stay inside the vehicle and call 911.
3. Before you dig, call 811 to have underground power lines marked.
4. Install ground fault circuit interrupters in your kitchen and bathrooms.
5. If something that’s plugged in falls into a sink full of water, **DON’T** reach in to get it. Don’t even unplug it until after you’ve cut the power off at the circuit breaker.
6. Watch where you’re placing that ladder. Do not let it touch any electrical wires.
7. Don’t overload outlets. We’ve got more gadgets to plug in these days than ever before. That doesn’t mean an outlet can handle them all. Overloaded circuits cause an estimated 5,300 fires a year.
8. Don’t touch a damaged electrical cord or one showing bare wire.
9. Don’t run an electrical cord under a rug. Don’t staple or nail electrical cords.
10. If you have young children, cover your unused electrical outlets with plastic safety covers.

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POWER RECIPE | Mexican Lasagna

Flour tortillas

2 cups cheddar cheese, shredded

1 cup taco sauce

1 can tomato sauce or diced tomatoes

2 tablespoons chili powder

2 teaspoons cumin

½ onion, chopped

1 can black beans, drained

1 can whole kernel corn, drained

2 pounds lean ground beef

Brown ground beef and drain. Saute' onions. Mix all ingredients except cheese. Layer in a 9" x 13" dish. Begin with meat mixture, then add tortillas and cheese. Makes 2 layers. Bake at 350° 20-30 minutes until hot and bubbly. May substitute chopped, cooked chicken for ground beef.

Recipe by Ruby Cheeks of Bessemer.

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