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BE SAFE WHEN UNDERTAKING OUTDOOR PROJECTS THIS SUMMER

Brantford Power Inc. encourages everyone to consider power lines and transformers

July 4, 2012 – BRANTFORD, Ontario - Are you putting in fence posts, planting a tree, excavating for a pool, deck or a new addition? Brantford Power Inc. would like to remind all residents and businesses to always put safety first when working outdoors.

“Underground networks of services including power lines might be buried on your property. Accidentally hitting one can cause serious injury, property damage and inconvenient outages so call before you dig,” encourages George Mychailenko, CEO of Brantford Power Inc. Customers and contractors are reminded to call Brantford Power at **(519) 759-5100** at least one week prior to digging to arrange for their free power line location service.

Both overhead and underground power lines need to be considered when tree planting. Consider the full size of a tree when fully grown and when trimming trees be aware of the power lines around you. If you find yourself close to overhead wires please contact Brantford Power before you proceed. We can assess the situation and identify any potential hazards and will provide advice on how to proceed.

“Green boxes” or pad mounted transformers can also pose a safety issue if they are not cleared of any obstructions. Transformers are vital to the electrical distribution system and Brantford Power relies on homeowners and businesses to keep at least 3 meters of clearance in front of the transformer and 1.5 meters on the sides in order to gain access to the electrical components for maintenance or emergency work. “By working together, we can ensure a safe and reliable electrical distribution system,” said Mychailenko.

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