



## CALL BEFORE YOU DIG WHEN UNDERTAKING OUTDOOR PROJECTS

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June 19, 2013 – BRANTFORD, Ontario – Brantford Power is reminding property owners to have lines located before starting outdoor renovations and landscaping.

“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 Paul Kwasnik, CEO of Brantford Power Inc. Customers should call **Ontario One Call, 1-800-400-2255** at least one week before digging to arrange for a FREE underground cable locate.

When planting trees, consider overhead and underground power lines to ensure the fully grown tree and the root system will not interfere with the power supply. If tree trimming finds you close to overhead wires, please contact Brantford Power before you start. “We can assess the situation, identify any potential hazards and will provide advice on how to proceed,” added Kwasnik.

“Green boxes” or pad mounted transformers can also pose a safety issue if they are not cleared of any obstructions. Transformers are vital to our 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. “We encourage customers to use the resources made available to them to ensure everyone’s safety,” said Kwasnik.

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