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AMP OFFERS ELETRIC SAFETY TIPS AND REMINDERS

COLUMBUS, OH: May is National Electrical Safety Month and American Municipal Power, Inc. (AMP) offers these safety tips.

Electricity is an inescapable part of a modern life, but it can become a deadly force when best practices and proper safety measures are not taken. Whether you are indoors or out, following these safety tips can help to prevent accidents.

Indoor safety:

- When not using an appliance, unplug it.
- When unplugging something, pull on the plug, rather than the cord.
- Regularly check power cords for any damage and replace them when needed.
- Do not overload outlets.
- Never force a plug into an outlet. All plugs should fit securely in place.
- Ensure that heat-producing appliances are kept away from combustibles and are cool before putting them away.
- Install ground fault circuit interrupter outlets in potentially hazardous areas, such as near pools, crawl spaces, kitchens, bathrooms and unfinished basements.

Outdoor safety:

- If severe weather causes a downed power line, keep a safe distance away and do not touch the line or surrounding objects. Contact emergency responders and the local utility.
- Do not use a ladder near power lines. If you must, use a fiberglass ladder and stay at least 10 feet away from the line.
- Call 8-1-1 before any digging or excavating.
- Do not trim trees or plants growing close to electric lines. Call your electric utility for assistance.
- Avoid planting trees and bushes that will grow high enough to disturb electric lines.

- Do not let children climb trees that are touching power lines.

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ABOUT AMP:

American Municipal Power, Inc. is the nonprofit wholesale power supplier and services provider for 135 member municipal electric systems in the states of Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Virginia, Kentucky, West Virginia, Indiana, Maryland and Delaware. Combined, these public utilities serve more than 650,000 customers. AMP members receive their power supply from a diversified resource mix that includes wholesale power purchases through AMP and the open market and energy produced at AMP and member-owned generating facilities utilizing fossil fuel, hydroelectric, solar, wind and other renewable resources. For additional information, visit AMP's website at www.amppartners.org.