**ELECTRIC SAFETY TIPS**

**INDOOR SAFETY:**

- When an appliance is not in use, unplug it.
- When unplugging something, pull on the plug, not on the cord.
- Regularly check power cords for any damage and replace them when needed.
- Do not overload outlets. Spread devices across the room and unplug things when possible.
- 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 kitchens, bathrooms, basements, crawl spaces or near pools.

**OUTDOOR SAFETY**

If see a downed power line, keep a safe distance away and do not touch the line or surrounding objects. Contact the police and the local utility.

- Do not use a ladder near power lines.
- Call 8-1-1 before any digging or excavating.
- Do not trim trees or plants growing close to electric lines. Call your utility for assistance.
- Avoid planting trees and bushes that might disturb electric lines or equipment.
- Avoid climbing trees that are touching power lines.