



Transport Farm Equipment Safely – Be Aware of Powerlines



During harvest there is an increase in farm equipment making contact with power lines in rural Alberta. In the interest of public safety, Battle River Power Coop reminds anyone transporting farm equipment to plan for power lines and poles when transporting or moving harvest equipment.

As per The Alberta Department of Agriculture's Safe Transportation of Farm Equipment in Alberta manual:

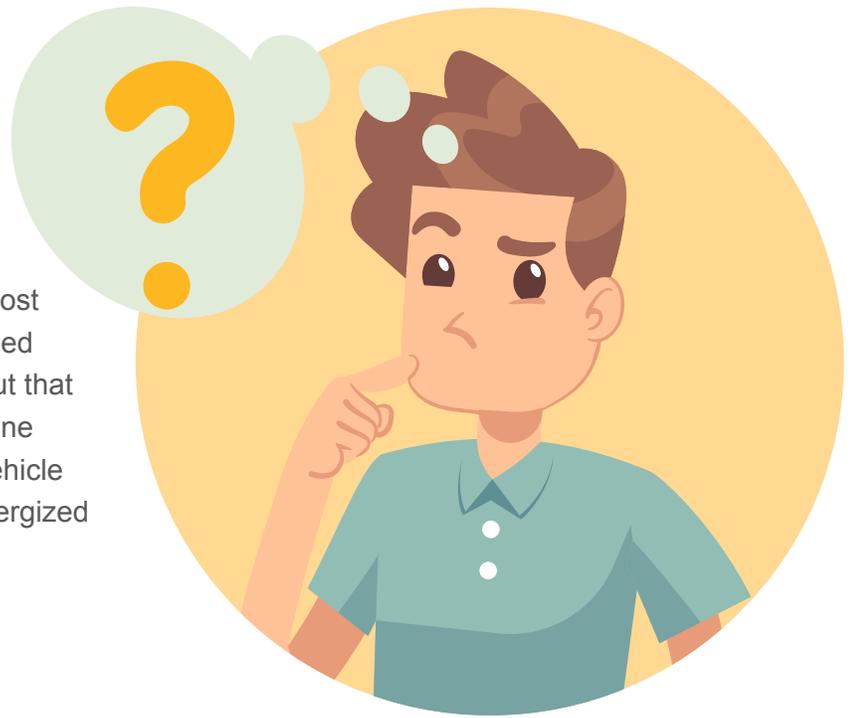
- **Check the height of your equipment.** If you're buying it new, confirm the height, update your GPS with any changes, and consider your route to ensure you can cross safely under power lines.
- **Exercise caution if equipment is higher than 4.1 metres.** (Note: A travel permit from Alberta Transportation is required to move loads higher than 4.15 M on Alberta roads).
- **Stay seven metres away from power lines.** Keep this in mind when operating grain augers or air seeders, or when lifting truck boxes or back hoes.
- **Stack and store wisely.** Whether it's a grain bin or bale storage, stack and store it at least seven metres away from power lines.
- **Plan ahead.** Map your route and locate any overhead power lines. If you don't know whether it's safe to cross under or work near a power line, call your electric utility service provider for help.
- **Click before you dig.** Before digging or driving posts into the ground, visit AlbertaOneCall.com to request an underground locate. Utilities are closer to the surface of the ground than you think.



If you are unsure of the height of your equipment or need assistance, do not hesitate to contact Battle River Power Coop at 1.877.428.3972.

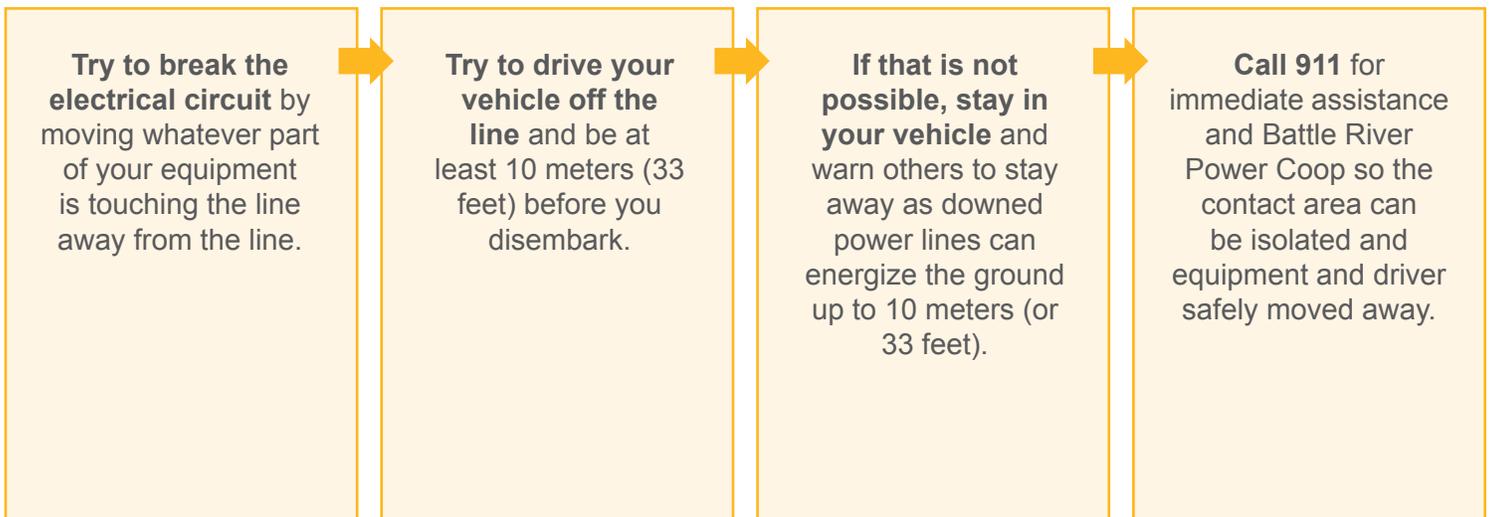
Member safety is important – Remember to always work safe and look up and around for power poles and lines.

What to Do When You Contact a Power Pole or Line

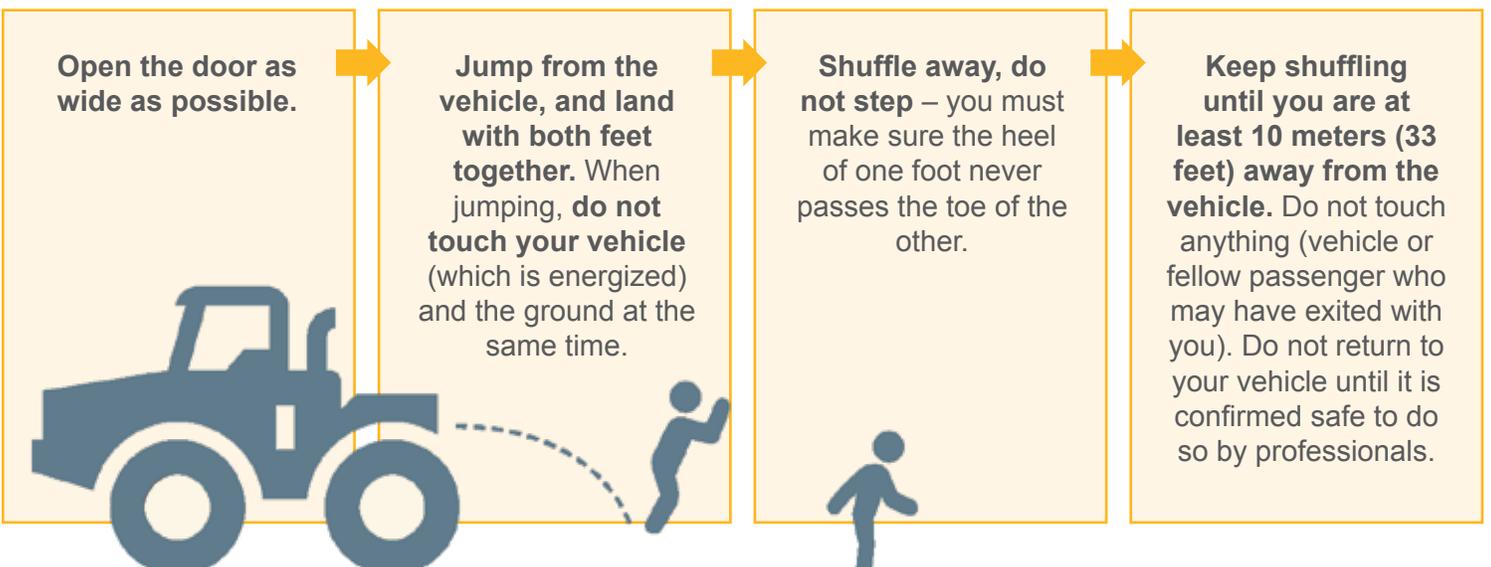


If you accidentally drive onto a downed energized power line, the area around your machinery will most likely be charged with electric energy. Some downed lines show they are live by arcing and sparking, but that is not always the case. The electricity in a power line seeks a path to the ground (a tree, a fence or a vehicle that is parked on it) and those objects become energized (even if the wire on the ground doesn't look live).

If you come in contact with a powerline, follow these steps:



If you come in contact with a powerline and you must exit your vehicle, follow these steps:



Battle River Power Coop Member Corner



Sometimes, it's nice to spruce up something great! With that being said, we are excited to announce our Member Value Program (previously the Member Benefit Program). There will be new businesses added as they come on board, so check out our website under Community to find the new businesses.

Members will also be receiving brand new Member Value Program cards to show at participating businesses. Please be patient as we roll them out to you for use!

Are you a member and would like to feature your business in our newly minted MVP or in our newsletter? Want to get some more traffic through your doors? Contact Nansee (phone: 780-672-7738, email: brpc@brpower.coop) to get more information on this FREE advertising advantage!

New MVP Business



Announcing a NEW business to Battle River Power Coop's Member Value Program

We are thrilled to welcome **Nufloors – Camrose** to our Member Value Program.



Nufloors – Camrose has offered 10% off regular priced flooring when you show your Member Value Card!

Thank you to all the businesses who have offered savings to our members! Keep an eye on our website under Community as we continue to add businesses as they join.

Tips from the Line

Battle River Power Coop has a current policy in place to assist members in the cost of salvaging out idle services which have been continuously on idle for at least 5 years. If you have an idle service and have questions about the cost to remove, please contact our office for assistance.

Message from the Board of Directors

The Alberta Government recently announced an electricity rebate to be delivered to eligible Alberta electricity customers. Battle River Power Coop will ensure the rebate is delivered to eligible Battle River Power Coop members and eligible members for Lindale REA, Tomahawk REA, and West Wetaskiwin REA as per the approved Government of Alberta legislation.

What to know about the electricity rebate:

Eligible customers include residential, farm, irrigation and commercial electricity sites consuming less than 250 MW hours per year in 2022. Yard and security lights are ineligible.

Beginning in the July billing cycle (members will see the July bill in August), eligible members will see the rebate automatically appear on the Battle River Power Coop bill above the GST line as "GOA Utility Commodity Rebate."

The rebate will be automatically applied to bills and will be distributed as a \$50 monthly rebate for each eligible site for six consecutive months – for a total of \$300.

Members do not need to do anything to receive the rebate, and there is no application process for the rebate.

Members are free to purchase natural gas services or electricity services from a retailer of their choice.

For a list of retailers, visit ucahelps.alberta.ca or call 310-4822 (toll-free in Alberta).

For more information on the Government of Alberta Rebate, please visit www.alberta.ca/affordability-programs.aspx.



Stay Up to Date with Battle River Power Coop

It is important that your contact information is up to date and includes all methods to connect with you. If you have had any changes to phone numbers, email addresses, mailing address or wish to add other contact details to your account, please connect with us toll-free at 1.877.428.3972 or email: brpc@brpower.coop and we will ensure your account is updated accordingly.

Other ways you can keep up to date with timely information about your Coop are:

- **Visit our website www.brpower.coop.** The website provides comprehensive details on the Coop's services. The website also offers on-line account access for members to review their accounts.
- Battle River Power Coop also communicates on popular social media platforms – **Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube.**
- **Download our Outage App** from the Google Play or Apple Store. Our Outage App is updated with the most current information on outages in our service area.

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REGULATED RATE OPTION



The RRO may increase or decrease from month to month as it is priced on the open market and subject to many factors relating to supply and demand. It is not a 'regulated' rate, rather it is a default rate. If you do not have an energy contract, then you are on the RRO.

For August 2022, the RRO is priced at \$0.16483 per kWh, reflected on your enclosed blue bill. For September 2022, the REA monthly rate as calculated under the RRO regulation is \$0.14986. Detailed information on the monthly RRO is available on: www.brpower.coop.

The Battle River Rural Energy Contract rate is \$0.0635 per kWh until December 31, 2023.

Members are free to purchase electricity services from a retailer of their choice. For a list of retailers, visit ucahelps.alberta.ca or call 310-4822 (toll free in Alberta).

BATTLE RIVER POWER COOP IS AVAILABLE FOR POWER TROUBLE CALLS 24/7/365 CALL TOLL-FREE: 1.877.428.3972

