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## Safety Tips for Outdoor Projects

Whatever the project, remember to always keep cranes, ladders, tree-pruners, TV antennas and other equipment at least 10 feet from power lines. Depending on voltage, electricity can transfer to equipment that's near a power line — even if it's not touching. Follow these helpful tips to stay safe:

### Look Above You

Remember to look above you when working near overhead power lines. If you think power lines may interfere with your project, call OUC at **407-423-9018** and ask to speak to a Customer Service Agent **at least two business days** before beginning the job. We'll give you tips on how to work safely around the lines.

### Call Before You Dig

Before you start any digging project, the law requires you to call Sunshine State One at **800-432-4770** or **8-1-1** to find out where underground pipes and electric lines are located. Please call **at least two days** before your project, whether it involves heavy equipment or even a simple backyard landscaping.



## Why Does My Neighbor Have Power, But I Don't?

- You may be connected to a different power line or transformer than your neighbor.
- The service line to your home may have been damaged and needs repairs before your home can be reconnected. OUC is responsible for repairing the service line and electric meter only.
- The weatherhead connection, where the electric lines connect to your electric meter, may be damaged. Customers are responsible for having a licensed electrician repair the weatherhead and meter base before OUC can properly restore power.

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## Florida's Move Over Law Now Applies to Utility Service Vehicles

Utility crews are now protected by the Florida Move Over Act, as they work on the sides of roads and highways. Effective July 1, the Act is amended to include utility service vehicles and sanitation vehicles among the list of public safety vehicles motorists must already slow down or move over for to protect personnel. Under the new law, motorists are required to:

- Approach law enforcement patrol cars, emergency vehicles, utility service vehicles, sanitation vehicles and tow trucks/wreckers with caution.
- Change lanes away from these vehicles if traveling on a multi-lane roadway and able to move over safely; OR



- Slow down to a speed that is 20 mph less than the posted speed limit when a clearly identified emergency or work-crew vehicle is parked and crews are working. **Violating the Move Over Act can result in a fine and points on your license.**

## Parents are the #1 Reason Kids Don't Drink How Parents Can Help Keep Their Youth Alcohol-Free

**Explain the Risks:** Learn and explain the risks of underage drinking. Emphasize that drinking alcohol is not a "rite of passage" but a dangerous drug activity for a teen brain.

**Talk Early and Often:** In Orange County, surveys indicate some youth drink alcohol beginning in sixth grade.

**Set Clear Rules:** Set clear rules about no alcohol use.

**Know Your Children's Friends:** Get to know your children's friends and their parents. Help them choose friends who support your family rules.

**Make Alcohol Unavailable:** Ensure that alcohol is not

available to your child at home or from others when you child is away. Ensure that your children's social environment is alcohol-free.

**Eat Dinner Together:** Studies show that kids who eat dinner with their family 5-7 times per week are 33 percent less likely to drink alcohol underage.

*Source: Deseret News Newspaper In Education*

For more information, please visit [www.DrugFreeCoalition.org](http://www.DrugFreeCoalition.org).



## The Assistance Fund's 3rd Annual Gala

The Assistance Fund cordially invites you to its 3rd annual gala, **Carnavalia – A Celebration of Life!** This vibrant event will take you to a place where good health thrives and no one is denied medications because of an inability to pay. The journey continues to 'Spain' at The Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes (4012 Central FL Pkwy, Orlando, FL 32837) on **Friday, September 19.**

Sponsorships of \$5,000 and up include an exclusive 'Tapas & Sangria' VIP reception. Individual tickets are

only \$150 each and *all guests will have a chance to win a trip to Spain.*

The Assistance Fund provides critically or chronically ill children and adults with the financial assistance they need to receive their high-cost, life-saving medications. Since its inception in 2009, it has raised more than \$148 million and served 23,000 individuals nationwide.

Please visit <https://theassistancefund.org/> for more information.



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