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Green Box Safety



Around The Green Box

SAFETY AROUND THE “GREEN BOX”

Summertime is right around the corner, which means longer days and more time spent outside in the neighborhood. One part of many neighborhood landscapes is the “green box” (pad-mounted transformer). These are an important piece of a utility’s underground infrastructure and help deliver much-needed electricity to the neighborhood.

They can also be potentially hazardous if safe practices are not observed around them. Just like their counterparts that can be seen at the tops of utility poles, pad-mounted transformers carry high voltages of electricity. It is important to observe safe behavior around them – and teach children to do the same.

Here are a few things to keep in mind around the “green box”:

- Do not let children play on or near pad-mounted transformers. Make sure they know never to dig under or attempt to open the box.
- Never stick anything through cracks into the transformer box.
- Show kids the warning sticker on the box and teach them what it means. This way, they will know the importance of the sticker when they see it.
- Never paint, cover or decorate transformers. The metal covers are assigned a specific color (usually green) so utility workers can easily identify them. Also, tampering with the box by painting it



could impair the lock or the equipment itself, or cover the warning signs. For safety, the pad-mounted transformer should always be locked and the warning signs visible.

- If you see a transformer that is unlocked or in need of repair, contact your electric cooperative immediately. Often, contact information will be on the transformer box itself.
- Underground power lines can extend in any direction from a pad-mounted transformer. Never dig without calling 811 at least several days in advance of your planned digging. Electric utility underground equipment and lines will be marked at no cost.
- Your electric utility needs at least 12 feet of clearance on the opening side to safely access the transformer. In addition, allow three feet of space on the other sides.



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ANNUAL MEETING

Mark your calendars for the Nolin RECC
Annual Meeting June 18-19.
Watch your mailbox for details.



Stay Safe Around the Big Green Box



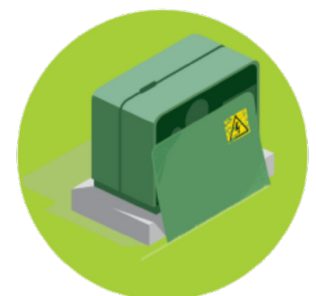
Don't let children touch, climb or play on pad-mounted transformers.



Keep areas surrounding the pad-mounted transformer clear so crews can access it.



Don't dig near a transformer. Underground power lines can extend in any direction from it.



Report problems if you notice a transformer that's unlocked or in need of repair.

Stay clear of green transformer boxes.

