



Living Safely Around Electricity

Our high-voltage power transmission system – composed of towers, poles, lines and substations – is designed to deliver electricity to your community safely and reliably. It's essential for everyone to know and understand the safe practices for living and working near electric transmission lines.

What Property is Eligible to Use?

First, determine who or what entity owns the land that you are considering for use. Land used for electrical transmission corridors is often owned by ITC or another utility company. In these cases, the property cannot be used for any purpose without the written authorization of the utility company. If you are unsure about who owns the land, please consult your real estate records or your local or county office. If the land contains electric transmission equipment, you can contact ITC to learn who owns the land. Any structures, equipment or other material placed on land owned by ITC is subject to removal.

If you are the owner of land containing electric transmission equipment, this means ITC has the equipment in place under the authorization of an easement. Easements exist in part to prevent property use that is incompatible with the safe operation of the power lines. The terms of an easement can vary and may restrict what can be done within the easement area. If you own the land but do not have the easement document, contact ITC for a copy.

Power Lines and Trees

To further our record of service reliability, industry-leading safety and positive interactions with communities and property owners, we look for the best approaches to preventing vegetation-caused outages. Tree interference with transmission lines is a leading cause of electric power outages and poses a safety threat to the public. Foresters and other trained field staff routinely inspect our corridors, identify both appropriate and incompatible species on a site-by-site basis, and recommend appropriate management methods. We communicate with residents through notices and personal contact about planned maintenance activity.

A secondary objective of our integrated vegetation management program is keeping access routes to transmission equipment free of large woody plants and trees to enable access by ITC vehicles and equipment for regular inspection and maintenance activities.

Contact ITC at 877.ITC.ITC9 (877.482.4829)

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Look Up! Watch Out!

STAY CLEAR OF:

- Electric power structures
- Overhead wires
- Guy wires that stabilize power poles

IF YOU ENCOUNTER A DOWNED WIRE, CALL 911.

Always assume a downed wire is live. Keep yourself and others away until emergency workers arrive.

About ITC:

ITC is the nation's largest independent electricity transmission company – owner and operator of transmission systems in seven states. We strive for operational excellence, which includes keeping the public and our workers safe around electrical equipment.

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Tips for Safe Property Usage

Swimming Pools, Hot Tubs, and Spas: Remember, water and electricity do not mix. Land owners must contact ITC prior to installing a swimming pool, hot tub, spa or other projects involving water near a transmission line. Our team will review your plans and provide you with information regarding any installation limitations and/or safety constraints.

Transmission corridors need to be clear of obstructions to allow for the safe and reliable delivery of electricity and access for our vehicles and equipment. Unless authorized by ITC, examples of non-permitted uses of the electric transmission corridor include, but are not limited to:

- **Recreation, sports and entertainment:** Play structures, swing sets, trampolines, sport and game equipment, fire pits and grilling structures are not permitted on ITC property. If you own the land, the easement may prohibit the installation of such structures. Please contact ITC for a review of the proposed use of the easement area. Flying kites, drones, model aircraft or advertising balloons near transmission lines should be avoided.
- **Motorized equipment and machinery:** Operating, storing or parking any motorized equipment, vehicles or machinery is prohibited on ITC property. Do not fuel equipment within ITC rights-of-way.
- **Construction, fences, digging and logging:** Building or erecting sheds or other structures, fences, flagpoles, poles with bird houses, tower antennas, drain fields, septic systems, water wells and irrigation systems is not permitted on ITC property, nor is digging, grading land, logging or tree-cutting activity. If you wish to pursue any of these activities within an easement area, please note that easement agreements often prohibit such activity without the review and approval of the transmission company, in this case ITC. If you have questions or concerns, please contact ITC prior to any construction activity in the corridor.
- **Dumping:** Building material, dirt, tires and other debris cannot be stored or dumped on ITC property. Dumping creates unsafe conditions and should not be done on any property where electrical transmission equipment exists.
- **Climbing or attaching:** Never climb a transmission pole or tower or attach anything to the structure.



Substation Safety:

If you see any potential hazard or suspicious activity near or inside an electrical substation – including open gates, holes in fencing, suspicious individuals or downed wires – contact ITC.

EMERGENCIES – CALL 911

- Someone requiring medical attention
- Downed power lines
- Fire inside or near substations

SECURITY CONCERNS – 248.380.2920

- Theft or damage to ITC property
- Trespassing issues



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