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Change to SFCN Cable Guide
The Daily Herald has decided to no longer publish weekly television listings, consequently, Spanish Fork City will no longer bill for that service and the weekly cable guide will not be available for the short term.

In order to best serve our customers, Spanish Fork Community Network is looking at other alternatives and hopes to have a similar service in place soon.

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DEAR MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
From Left to Right, Back Row:
Chris Wadsworth, Mayor Joe Thomas,
Matt Barber, Wayne Andersen
Front Row: Seth Sorensen, Steve Leifson

Name: Address: Phone #: Complete form and return it with your utility bill. You can also send comments to the City via the internet at www.spanishfork.org. Thank you for your comments.

Call Before You Dig
Digging into underground power lines can be as dangerous as contacting an overhead power line. Before you dig to plant a tree, install a sprinkler system or build a fence, please call your local utility notification center, commonly known as Blue Stakes, to have all your underground utilities marked for free. Simply call 1-800-662-4111 two working days before you dig and all the utilities in your area will be marked.

Electrical Safety, Power Outages, and Device Protection
You might think this information is too early in the year, especially as we are ending a cold winter weather spell, but it is never too early to think about safety and preparedness. As you plan your spring clean up and major projects, take a moment to remember a few simple safety tips and then identify the possible hazards around your home and take the necessary steps to eliminate them.

Look Up!
Whenever you’re working outdoors, please be aware of overhead power lines and keep tools and other objects away from them. Electricity can be deadly if your tree clippers, ladder or other tools come into contact with a power line.

Stay Away and Stay Safe
Don’t go anywhere near a downed power line or anything it may be touching. If you see a downed line, call the Electric Department immediately. Do not get out of your car and keep others, including pets, away. Also, if you fly a kite or play with outdoor toys that have the potential to reach a power
...More on Electricity

Outlet and Cords

One common hazard that we create in our home is called the “Electrical Octopus”. This happens anytime you overload an outlet as shown. If you have one of these in your home, get rid of it right away. Also never put an extension cord under a rug or the carpet; rubbing from the carpet on the cord may cause exposure and fire hazard.

Power Outages

Power outages are caused by a number of natural or man-made reasons. A major windstorm may blow down power lines or knock trees, branches, or other debris into power lines. A lightning storm may strike a power pole or transformer. Other causes may include a system overload due to high temperatures and air conditioner use or an automobile accident that hits a power pole. Whatever the cause, power outages are usually an inconvenience and can even cause damage to personal equipment.

In the event of an outage, Spanish Fork City Power crews are dispatched immediately and quickly begin working to safely restore power. However, some outages may require more time repair and may keep power off for several hours or even days. These outages require power users to be aware of your surroundings and do not play near overhead power lines.

Uninterruptible Power Supply

A step up from the surge protector is an Uninterruptible Power Source (UPS) or battery backup. The UPS can actually be used to run your computer or electrical equipment while the power is out. A battery backup can keep your computer or other equipment running for 5 minutes to a couple of hours during an outage. With a UPS in place, you have time to safely turn off your equipment or even continue to work during an outage. If you operate a business, a UPS system may enable you to continue operate some functions until power can be restored. One example of battery back up use is in the City’s cable system. There are backups at the Headend and at all nodes for the SFCN system. If the power were to go out, this system would continue to run for hours.

Spanish Fork City Power encourages you to take the necessary steps to protect your own equipment from being damaged during a power surge or power outage.