

Media Release



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Clean up to reduce windy weather hazards

Essential Energy is reminding residents to prepare their properties for windy weather by securing items that might have the potential to blow into powerlines.

General Manager Safety, HR and Environment, David Nardi, said August through to November was a traditionally gusty period and that overgrown vegetation and loose objects could impact the electricity network.

“By taking the time to clean up around your home and yard, remove debris and secure loose items, residents can help reduce the frequency of power supply outages caused by items being blown into electrical equipment,” David said.

“Check that trees, branches and other items are not growing too close to overhead powerlines and report any vegetation clearance concerns to us so that these can be inspected.

“Never attempt to prune vegetation near powerlines as this should only be done by qualified arborists authorised by Essential Energy to perform the work.”

Essential Energy advised customers to be aware of potential electrical hazards when checking on stock or assessing property damage following windy weather as powerlines could be damaged or obscured by fallen vegetation.

“If a powerline is brought down in windy weather, remain at least eight metres away from the wires and anything in contact with them and call Essential Energy immediately on 13 20 80,” David said.

Keep track of nearby storm activity by visiting Essential Energy’s Storm Tracker tool at: essentialenergy.com.au/stormtracker

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