

Media Release



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Clean up your property to minimise risk of power outages

As volunteers rally across local communities for Clean Up Australia Day, Essential Energy is encouraging property owners to do their bit to minimise risks by clearing rubbish, vegetation and debris from around their homes and yards.

General Manager HR, Safety and Environment David Nardi said tree branches and loose items could be blown into network infrastructure during severe weather and cause unplanned power outages.

“When cleaning up around the home or farm on Clean Up Australia Day, take time to clear the gutters, mow lawns and remove any unsecured items that could become airborne in a storm or severe winds,” David said.

“Visually inspect trees and shrubs to ensure they are not encroaching on the electricity network, keeping in mind that trees should be at least 15 metres away from powerlines and two metres away from power poles.”

Essential Energy manages vegetation near powerlines to reduce the risk of power outages and bushfires caused by vegetation contact with powerlines.

“Licensed vegetation contractors must be used to trim trees and branches growing too close to the electricity network – don’t attempt to do the work yourself,” David said.

“Property owners can minimise vegetation-related power outages by planting appropriate tree species near the power network. The wrong trees planted near powerlines can become a safety hazard to your property or the local environment and may impact the reliability of your power supply.”

If you see vegetation growing too close to the Essential Energy network, report it via the online form at www.essentialenergy.com.au or contact Essential Energy on 13 23 80.

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