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Utility Industry Urges Residents to Keep Electric Workers Safe Do Not Attach Anything to Utility Poles

The Michigan Electric and Gas Association, Michigan Municipal Electric Association, and Michigan Electric Cooperative Association representing 60 electric utilities across the state ask residents to refrain from attaching anything to utility poles or equipment, including signs or flags of any kind. Often the work needed to keep the lights on also requires line crews to climb utility poles, sometimes under emergency situations, so they need to be free from nails, staples, or other attachments to avoid harm. Attachments found will be removed. Particularly during an election season, utilities have seen increasing instances of supporters posting signs for political candidates or issues on utility poles. No matter the candidate, the signs should not be attached to poles or other utility property, for the safety of workers.