



FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH YOUR HOME'S **ELECTRICAL SYSTEM**

IT IS IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND HOW TO SAFELY OPERATE YOUR HOME'S ELECTRICAL SYSTEM.

The electric cooperative handles the line portion of a consumer's service, which includes everything up to and including the meter on the side of the house. Everything beyond that point is called the "load side." Everything on the load side is the consumer's responsibility.

You'll find your electrical service panel inside your home. It keeps everything inside running. The service panel sends electricity to the light switches, outlets and appliances. If your electricity short circuits or an overload shuts down power, your service panel is where you will go to restore the flow.

BEFORE JUMPING IN

KNOW THESE 6 POOL SAFETY TIPS

Keep these electrical safety tips in mind before and during swimming season. These safety tips also apply to hot tubs.



1

Keep anything that is plugged in at least 5 feet from the pool. The farther, the better.

2

Have a licensed contractor inspect the pool/hot tub wiring to ensure it meets code requirements.

3

Know where electrical switches and circuit breakers are and how to operate them.

4

Keep pool skimmers and other far-reaching tools more than 10 feet away from overhead power lines.

5

Make sure all outdoor outlets are GFCI protected. Test them once a month.

6

Do not touch electrical devices when you are wet or in contact with wet surfaces.

Teach these tips to kids and teens, especially when it comes to using a cell phone that is plugged into an outlet.