

Fort Pierce Utilities Authority Urges Consumers To Put Safety First When Using Electricity



* * * FMEA's Ten Tips for Summer Electrical Safety * * *

1. Check power tools before each use.
2. Don't allow tools to get wet unless labeled "Immersible."
3. Only use tools and extension cords meant for outdoor use while outside.
4. Place covers on outdoor outlets.
5. Look for overhead power lines before trimming trees.
6. Check power ratings of outdoor electric equipment.
7. Unplug power tools after use and store out of childrens' reach.
8. Have Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCIs) installed in electric circuits of swimming pools and hot tubs.
9. Never use a telephone — even a cordless one — while in the water.
10. Test all GFCIs seasonally.

Visit the FMEA's web site at www.publicpower.com to view other safety tips, visit related links and download free checklists and safety brochures.