

# Attaching Items to Utility Poles



**What do yard sales signs, basketball hoops, satellite dishes and mailboxes all have in common? They're often found attached to utility poles. Attaching items to a utility pole is in violation of National Electric Safety Code, plus it places the lives of line workers and the public in danger.**

**Rowley Municipal Lighting Plant have noticed and received complaints of more poles used as community bulletin boards, mailbox mounts, and even signs for businesses within the community. Not only do these attachments put line crew at risk - anyone illegally placing these items on poles comes dangerously close to energized power lines.**

**Rowley Municipal Lighting Plant crews climb utility poles at all hours of the day and night, in the best and worst of conditions. Even a small nail partially driven into a pole can pierce a worker's glove, stripping away critical protection from high-voltage electricity. Sharp objects like nails, tacks, staples, or even drywall screws can puncture rubber gloves and other safety equipment, making linemen vulnerable to getting hurt.**

**Please help us keep our lineman and our community safe. Report any unauthorized items attached to utility poles to the Rowley Municipal Lighting Plant at 978-948-3992 or email at [CustomerService@RowleyLight.com](mailto:CustomerService@RowleyLight.com). Fixtures not belonging to the RMLP will be removed by line personnel and left at the base of the pole to be picked up by the owner. The RMLP is not responsible for any losses if an item is damaged or destroyed during removal. Pictures will be taken before and after the removal.**