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## Safety Protection Devices Required on Electrical Hook-ups/ Meter Tampering is Against The Law



**Y**ou are required to provide approved protective devices, such as fuses or circuit breakers, so motors, electrical appliances and all electrical equipment is protected.

The Cooperative is not responsible for damage to any equipment if the damage is caused by dangerous operation, overloads, voltage loss or drops, inadvertent high voltage, single phasing of poly-phase motors or phase reversal.

The Cooperative's responsibility extends only to the connection point at the service entrance. The Cooperative owns and maintains the meter; the Member/consumer owns and maintains the service entrance.

We require a disconnect switch at the meter location. This is to allow a quick and easy way to turn off power in case of an emergency.

The Cooperative also has very specific requirements for proper hook-up of the electrical service entrance to your home, farm or business. Please check with the Cooperative before changing your service entrance. Local townships may also require more stringent variations to the electrical code.

If you have a standby generator, we require that you have a double throw switch that disconnects the Cooperative lines when the standby unit is in use. This disconnect is strictly a safety precaution and prevents the power you generate from feeding back onto distribution lines which would put Cooperative personnel in great danger of electrocution.

We request that you inform the Cooperative when adding any electrical equipment or increasing the electrical capacity at your home, farm or business. Larger transformers may be required to provide adequate service.

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**Just a few words on meter tampering . . .**

### **DON'T DO IT!**

Meter tampering is not only against the law and carries significant monetary punishment, but it can be extremely dangerous.

When someone steals electricity from your Cooperative, they're stealing from you.

All meters are sealed for your protection. If, for any reason, you have to cut the seal or if your meter has to be removed . . .

**CALL YOUR COOPERATIVE FIRST!**

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