

## COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE

BGE supports the efforts of the Maryland Department of Health to vaccinate all Marylanders against COVID-19. To protect yourself, your family and your community, please get vaccinated as soon as you are eligible. The COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective with minimal side effects for most people. These vaccines are the path forward to ending the COVID-19 pandemic. Please be patient as the demand for the vaccine is higher than the current supply. The vaccine will eventually be available to all Marylanders. Before and after you vaccinate, remember to keep on slowing the spread of COVID-19 by watching your distance, washing your hands and wearing your mask. To learn more, visit [covidlink.maryland.gov](https://covidlink.maryland.gov)



## because EVERY DOLLAR COUNTS

A Quick Home Energy Check-Up (QHEC) is a fast, easy way to learn about your home's energy efficiency and start saving energy immediately. It's a one-hour walk-through of your home with a certified QHEC professional. And, because you're a BGE customer, the QHEC, and the energy-saving products that we install during a QHEC, are provided to you at no additional cost! Visit [BGESmartEnergy.com/SEHQHEC](https://BGESmartEnergy.com/SEHQHEC) to schedule your Quick Home Energy Check-Up!

## Make home work better for you

Want to reduce home energy costs and increase your comfort? With an average of \$2,500 in rebates for improvements, BGE's Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® Program can help you do just that. Get started with a home energy audit, and a participating contractor will identify air leaks and other problems affecting your home's comfort and energy costs. To schedule your home energy audit, visit [BGESmartEnergy.com/SENHPwES](https://BGESmartEnergy.com/SENHPwES) or call **877.685.7377**.

### Do you know what's using the most energy in your home?

The answers might surprise you. Complete a Home Energy Analysis to compare the top energy users in your home and find ways to reduce your usage and save money! To learn more, visit [BGE.COM/Analysis](https://BGE.COM/Analysis)



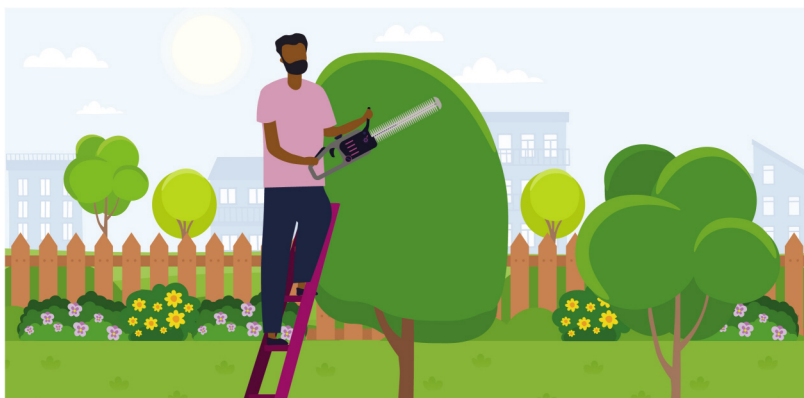
# Exelon Update

Exelon is separating Exelon Generation from our utility business, which includes BGE. You will experience no disruption to your service as a result of this announcement. For more information visit [ExelonCorp.com/SeparationFacts](http://ExelonCorp.com/SeparationFacts)

# CALL BEFORE YOU DIG



Doing a fun home project outside this spring and might have to dig? Whether you're digging at home or during a commercial construction project, call Miss Utility at **811** before you dig. Call Miss Utility at **811** at least two full business days (but not more than 10 days) before you begin any project, from home landscaping and gardening to large construction jobs. Representatives will visit your proposed dig site and mark the locations of underground electrical wires, gas pipelines and other utilities. For additional information, visit [BGE.COM/811](http://BGE.COM/811).



## spring tree trimming and planting tips

Remember these tips for keeping clear of powerlines while maintaining your trees this spring:

- ▶ Trim your trees before they get within 10 feet of electrical lines and equipment. Hiring a qualified licensed contractor who is familiar with the safety requirements is a safer alternative.
- ▶ Before you begin work that may bring people or equipment within 10 feet of overhead lines be sure to contact BGE at **800.685.0123**. This is a requirement under the Maryland High Voltage Line Act. BGE will evaluate the site and determine how to make the work area safe.
- ▶ Planting trees this spring? We recommend following the Arbor Day Foundation's "The Right Tree in the Right Place" guidelines to avoid planting trees that will interfere with power lines. Any trees planted within 20 feet on either side of pole-to-pole power lines should have a mature height of less than 25 feet. Trees that grow taller than 25 feet should be planted away from utility lines which have a height equal to or more than the expected mature height of the tree.

For more guidance on tree pruning and planting, visit [BGE.COM/TreeCare](http://BGE.COM/TreeCare).

## Tree and Vegetation Management Program

BGE strives to always provide safe and reliable electric service to you and this includes maintaining the trees surrounding more than 10,000 miles of overhead power lines. Our Tree and Vegetation Management Program includes assessing, pruning and removing trees that may cause electric outages, as well as managing vegetation above our underground natural gas transmission pipeline network. To make sure we're managing this work as effectively as possible, we follow a routine trimming cycle. We follow requirements mandated by the Maryland Public Service Commission, called the Electricity Service Quality and Reliability Act or RM 43 standards. To learn more information, visit [BGE.COM/TreeCare](http://BGE.COM/TreeCare).

