Stay Clear of Danger!

A downed power line may not be a dead line. It could cause serious injury or death.

Assume all power lines are energized and dangerous. Lines that are de-energized could become energized at any time. Never touch a downed power line—and never touch a person or object that is touching a power line. Follow these tips to stay safe around a downed power line:

» Immediately report a downed power line to Canby Utility and call 911.

» If you see someone who has been shocked and is in direct or indirect contact with a downed power line, do not touch the person. Efforts to pull an electric shock victim away could make you a second victim. Warn others to stay away.

» If a power line falls across or near your vehicle while you are in it, stay inside until help arrives. If you must exit, jump clear so no part of your body is touching the car when you land. Keep both feet together and shuffle or hop until you are at least 30 feet away from the vehicle.

» Do not attempt to move tree limbs that are on or near a power line.

We wish to express our appreciation to Todd Wagner for his service on the Canby Utility Board of Directors. Todd joined the board in August 2009 and served for nearly six years until his second term expired on February 28.

Thank you, Todd, for your commitment and service to Canby and contributing your valuable perspective to Canby Utility.
According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, more than 25,000 residential fires each year are associated with the use of space heaters. As many as 300 people a year die in these fires. Another 6,000 people visit hospital emergency rooms for burns that are the result of touching hot surfaces on space heaters.