

Fencing

across overhead power line rights of way



Fences are important and often necessary for a property owner's privacy. However, it's necessary for GVEA to have access to the power lines to provide safe and uninterrupted service.

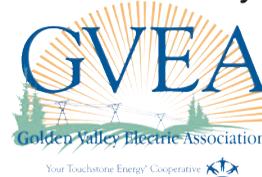
Most power lines extend along back lot lines and the right of way is the only access for the power line. If a fence is constructed around the entire perimeter of a lot crossing or running adjacent to a power line, please follow these guidelines:

- Do not attach fencing or posts to power poles.
- Retain a minimum distance of 10 feet from all poles or underground transformer boxes. When underground electrical is present, call GVEA for an underground locate.

- When building a fence adjacent to a power line which extends along the property line, either:
 - a. Set the fence 10 feet from the centerline of the power line to allow for truck access.
 - b. Set the fence along the property line but provide 12-foot wide gates at either end of the right of way so access is maintained.
- When building a fence across the power line right of way, a 12-foot wide gate is needed to access the power line. If a gate is not provided and GVEA needs immediate access to the power pole or line, GVEA may have to remove a portion of the fence at the owner's expense.
- If the property owner intends to lock the gate, it will need to be double-locked – GVEA and the property owner each provide a lock and the two are interlocked. This allows the owner to maintain control of access and line crews to perform emergency repairs without having to contact the property owner.

For more information, contact Golden Valley's right of way office.

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