Maintenance checklist

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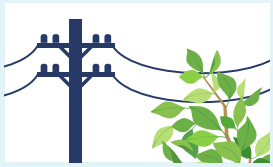
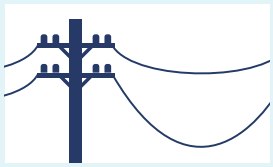
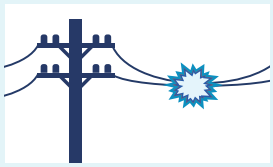
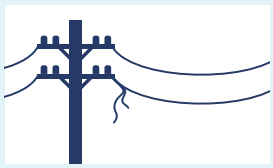
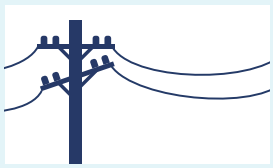
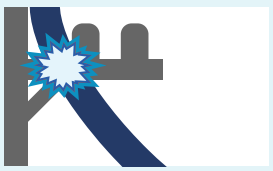
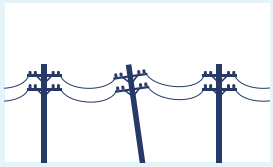
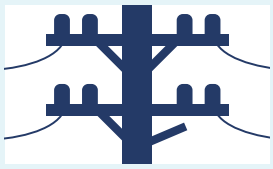
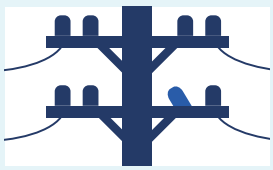
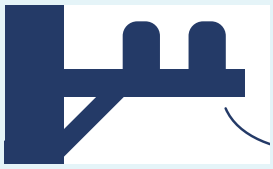
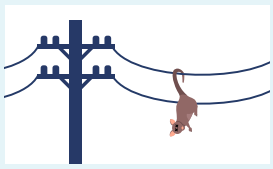
If any of the following problems exist, your private aerial line (PAL) may need urgent attention.

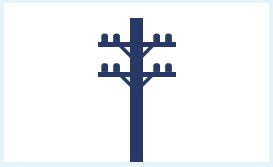
For safety reasons, always use a certified person to remove branches near electric lines and a registered electrical contractor (electrician) to check the line and do any necessary repairs.

1. If any section of your private line has more than one bare wire:	Yes	No
 Are there any branches or trees within 2 metres of any bare wire or hanging over the wire?		
 Is any wire hanging lower than other wires in the same section?		
 Do the wires clash together during high winds?		
 Are there any broken strands of wire?		
 Are any crossarms split, loose or not square to the pole?		

2. Where your private line has one insulated cable:	Yes	No
Are there any trees or branches within 1 metre of the insulated cable?		
Are there any gaps, cracks or pieces missing from the insulation (covering) of the cable?		
 Does the cable touch any metallic objects such as fascia or fittings?		

3. For the power pole:	Yes	No
Is any part of the pole rotting at or just below ground level? Dig carefully all around the pole to check, but beware of any underground wiring to the pole.		
 Are any poles leaning more than 10 degrees?		
 Are any brackets pulling away from the pole(s) or buildings? Are any other fittings crooked or loose?		
Are any stay (guy) wires loose or broken?		
 Are any insulators leaning or damaged?		
 Are wires securely attached to insulators?		
 Is there dead wildlife on the powerline?		

4. For sections of private lines no longer in use:	Yes	No
Are there sections of the pole that are no longer in use? You should engage a registered electrical contractor to disconnect any section of line no longer required.		

4. For poles that are not connected:	Yes	No
 If your private pole has been disconnected from electricity supply, we recommend engaging a professional to remove the pole to avoid damage or injury if the pole were to fall.		