Want more information?
For more detailed information on the various types of installations, visit dteenergy.com. While you’re there, check out our tips to ensure that any related landscaping plans don’t interfere with your electrical service.

How to Order
It’s easy to start the process to request a new overhead or underground service installation or to convert your existing overhead service to underground. Just call DTE Energy at 800.477.4747 or visit dteenergy.com.
Don’t forget your electrical service

If you’re building your dream home or just making your existing home a little more comfortable, don’t forget to consider whether your electrical service will require some modifications to accommodate your project.

If you’re building a new home, you’ll need to decide whether you want overhead or underground electrical service.

And if you’re adding a pool, patio or deck, local building codes may require you to convert your existing overhead electrical service to underground to provide adequate safety clearance.

This brochure will help you consider the type of electrical service that is best suited to your project.

New Overhead Service Installations
Overhead service, also known as an overhead service drop, refers to the electrical power lines coming from the nearest utility pole to your home.

Charges
There is usually no charge for this type of installation if existing overhead poles and power lines are available on your property. If poles and lines are not available, there may be a charge for this service.

When to Order
Call DTE Energy as soon as possible to ensure we can meet your project deadlines. This is particularly important if you live in a rural area. Adequate advance notice gives us time to plan, design and construct any new poles and power lines that may be needed to meet your project time frame.

New Underground Service Installations
Underground service refers to situations in which the electrical power cable coming from our nearest power source to your home is buried in an underground trench. Many home owners opt for underground service to avoid overhead interference with trees or other landscaping.

Charges
Underground service installations are priced on a per-foot basis, depending on the size and amount of cable needed.

When to Order
Call DTE Energy as soon as possible to ensure we can meet your needs and project deadlines. This is particularly important if you live in a rural area. This gives us adequate time to plan, design and install new cable and equipment that may be needed to meet your project time frame.

Converting Overhead to Underground Service
The process of converting your service from overhead to underground is similar to the process used for an underground installation. The difference is that your existing overhead service is removed and a new cable is installed underground to serve your home.

If you want overhead clearance for your new pool, deck or patio, you’ll find underground service to be your ideal option.

Charges
There is a conversion fee, plus the cost per foot for the underground cable. The underground cable charge depends on the size and amount of cable used for your installation.

When to Order
Call DTE Energy as soon as possible to ensure we can meet your needs and project deadlines.