



Cutting Edge Fire

I did something real stupid this past summer. I got some of those electric hedge clippers to save some time on the yard work. I was clippin' along on some azaleas when all of a sudden "Pop" (that's how it sounded), and the clippers didn't work. My first thought was "Huh?", and then "Whoa!" as I realized I had cut right through the power cord.

So I really don't have much right to hound the fella who caused this mishap (even though the damage is much more severe and pictures have been e-mailed to a million people now). Seems he cut right through the hose system for a torch and a spark from his hand-held grinder ignited the gas. You can see the damage that was caused by the fire. Wow!

Hey everyone, there's something called Operational Risk Management (ORM) that can help! What you do is sit down before you start working and think about all the things that can go wrong. Try it...it just might save you from a mishap like this.