



Brown County Rural Electrical Association

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Tree Trimming

Clearing trees and overgrown vegetation is vital to provide safe and reliable power to our members.

We clear certain areas in our service territory to:

- Keep power lines clear of tree limbs
- Restore power outages more quickly
- Keep crews and members safe
- Reduce unexpected costs for repairs

Request Tree Trimming

If you feel trees located near service lines need to be trimmed or removed, please call our office at (800) 658-2368. We will have our tree trimming contractor work with you. The tree trimming contractors we hire are sent out on a planned, rotating schedule to clear trees and brush. Do not attempt to trim branches away from power lines by yourself.

Plant the Right Tree in the Right Place

For more tips on smart tree planting in your community, contact your local electric cooperative or visit www.ArborDay.org.

Trees beautify our neighborhoods, and when planted in the right spot, can even help lower energy bills. But the wrong tree in the wrong place can be a hazard... especially to power lines.

LARGE TREES	MEDIUM TREES	SMALL TREES
Height/spread of more than 40 feet, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maple• Birch• Oak• Sweetgum• Spruce• Linden• Pine	Height/spread of 25 to 40 feet, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Washington hawthorn• Goldenraintree• Eastern redbud• American arborvitae• Dogwoods	<i>Avoid planting within 20 feet of power lines. When planting within 20 feet is unavoidable, use only shrubs and small trees.</i> Height/spread of no more than 25 feet such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Star magnolia• Crabapple• Lilac

Diagram showing tree heights relative to power lines. A utility pole is shown with a 'Tree pruning zone' indicated by a dashed circle. The maximum tree height is 25ft. The distance from the tree to the power line is marked as 20ft. The diagram also shows a house and trees of various heights (70ft, 60ft, 50ft, 40ft, 30ft, 20ft, 10ft, 0).

Be safe! Always call 811 before you dig to locate any buried utility lines.