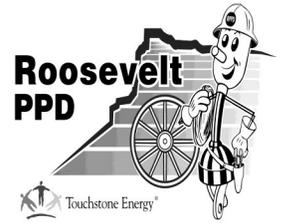


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## **DON'T LET TREES CAUSE PROBLEMS WITH POWERLINES**

Trees can provide your home with beauty, shade to boost your energy efficiency, and a natural way to reduce your carbon footprint. However, if those trees are planted in the wrong location in your yard, they can also be expensive to maintain and even dangerous. The Energy Education Council's Safe Electricity program shares tips on how you can help keep trees healthy and your family safe.

Tree limbs can fall during bad weather and damage the electrical wires that provide you and your neighbors with power, resulting in power outages or "blinking light" interruptions.

A mature height of less than 15 feet is recommended if planting near lines. Some trees that are generally not tall enough to interfere with lines are: crabapple, honeysuckle, juniper, flowering dogwood, and hawthorn. Keep in mind, trees should never be planted directly under power lines, near poles, or too close to electrical equipment.

Once you have a tree selected, make sure to call 811 before ever putting a shovel in the ground. The "Call Before You Dig" number is a free service that locates and marks your public underground utilities. Make sure to call a few days in advance of when you want to dig in order to provide enough time for a professional to locate such underground utilities as electrical, gas, water, cable, and telephone.

If the established trees you already have in your yard are growing into power lines, contact your electric provider to determine whether the utility or you will be responsible for the work. If you are responsible, it does not mean you should do the work yourself. Only skilled professionals trained to safely prune and trim trees for electric line clearance should be hired to do the work.

Be sure no one climbs a tree near power lines. If branches are touching the wires, the tree could be energized. Even branches not touching power lines could become energized if a child's weight is added.

In order to help maintain safety and electrical service reliability, your utility may either prune trees that are too close to power lines or will contact a tree trimming service to do so. Although simply trimming a tree is usually enough, some trees that are at risk of damaging power lines during severe weather—like dead or dying trees or those with a shallow root system—may need removed completely.

For more information on the safe and efficient use of electricity, visit [SafeElectricity.org](http://SafeElectricity.org).

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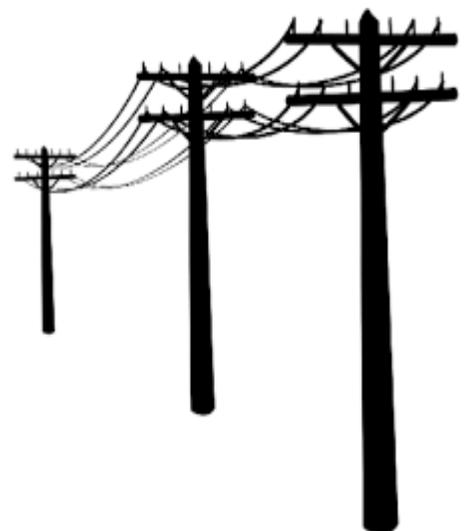
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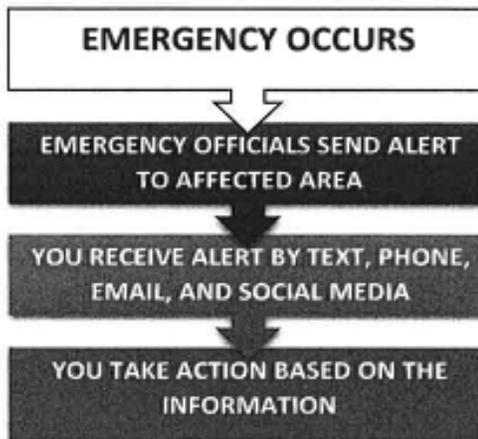
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