

SAFETY AROUND ELECTRIC EQUIPMENT

YOUR LANDSCAPING, SAFETY AND SERVICE RELIABILITY

Your safety, service and space

Please consider electric safety before planting trees and shrubs. Trees that grow near power lines can be hazardous and cause power outages.

Tree limbs cause approximately 30 percent of all power interruptions. To prevent power-line contact, Hancock-Wood trims and removes trees on a regular schedule, clearing limbs and brush from rights-of-way to maintain safety and reliability. Sometimes this includes the complete removal of a tree – dangerously close to an energized line. Maintaining rights-of-way is necessary for you to receive reliable power and ensure your safety and that of those on or near your property. All pruning is done to International Society of Arboriculture standards.

Safety tips around electric equipment

- Avoid landscaping near ground-mounted utility equipment or meters. Our crews must access them.
- Keep shrubs and structures at least 12 feet from the door of the pad-mount equipment and at least three feet from the sides. Otherwise, co-op linemen and technicians cannot access the equipment and that could extend any outage times.
- Never spray a power line with water. This could have the same effect as grabbing the energized line with your bare hand.
- Consider all electrical lines and electrical utility equipment dangerous. Keep yourself and all objects (ladders, antennas, kites, etc.) away to ensure safety.

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