



Distribution Line Vegetation Management

Working to improve the reliability of your electric service.

Our program

PPL Electric Utilities operates about 28,000 miles of aerial distribution lines that deliver power from local substations directly to homes and businesses.

Since trees are a common cause of power outages, vegetation management is a critical part of providing safe, reliable electric service. If left unmanaged, some vegetation can grow too close to our lines and cause outages or other unsafe conditions.

Tree-related outages can potentially affect thousands of customers for extended periods of time.

We've expanded the scope of our vegetation management because our experience showed more needs to be done to help guard against tree-related outages, especially during storms.

This means we are trimming more than we have in the past and removing trees when necessary. We understand this approach is not always popular, but it is the right thing to do to keep the system safe and reliable for all.

To manage vegetation, our professional foresters work directly with qualified tree contractors who perform the actual work.

Before any pruning or tree removal occurs, vegetation conditions are assessed with consideration to tree species, growth rates, position of the lines and time since the last vegetation work was performed.

Our contractors use widely accepted industry best practices and techniques, including pruning that encourages quick and complete healing of removed branches and reduces both potential decay and growth of new sprouts. Before we begin work, we will attempt to visit your home to explain what our contractors will be doing. If no one is home, we will make another attempt to contact you.

Our pledge to you

We understand that removing or trimming trees may not be popular with many landowners. We pledge to:

- Communicate with property owners in advance of regularly scheduled vegetation work.
- Work in a professional manner.
- Treat private property with care.
- Strike a careful balance – being sensitive to individual landowner concerns about vegetation management while, at the same time, doing the work that is needed to improve electric service reliability for all customers by keeping trees away from power lines.



Don't endanger yourself

Please do not attempt to prune or remove trees near power lines. Contact with a power line can cause serious injury or death. PPL Electric Utilities' qualified line clearance tree trimmers have specialized training to work around our power lines.

PPL Electric Utilities does not prune or remove trees located around the service wire that is between your house and the pole. PPL Electric Utilities will de-energize your service wire and lower it to the ground so you can do the work safely.

This service is provided at no cost, but we require at least three business days' notice, and additional time may be required to schedule the work.

Right tree in the right place

If you plan to plant a new tree, or replace an existing tree, please pay close attention to what you plant and where. When choosing a spot to plant your tree, make sure it will have plenty of room to grow to its full potential. Speak with the nursery where you plan to purchase the tree and tell them about any power lines so they can help you select the right tree.

Planting the right tree for the right place will make your property safer and more attractive and will reduce the likelihood of power outages. Our professional foresters can also advise you on proper tree selection for the location you have chosen.

Cleanup and wood chips

In urban areas, tree crews typically chip and remove smaller limbs and branches. Larger wood is generally cut into handling lengths and left at the base of the tree for property owner use.

In more rural areas, where possible, tree crews will pile pruning debris to create wildlife cover and browse opportunities. Larger limb wood will be separated and left for property owner use.

Requests for wood chips are taken by the contractor tree crew foremen who do their best to grant your requests.

If you do request chips, be mindful that contractors will deliver full loads – 5 to 7 cubic yards. Contractors are not required to remove unused chips once delivered.



Before trimming



After trimming

PPL Electric Utilities works with state and local conservation, land management and environmental groups to advance common goals of electric reliability and environmental stewardship.

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