

TREE LINE Maintenance

When trees grow too close to power lines, trouble grows with them.



Nearly one in four power outages are caused by overgrown tree limbs and branches.

FPUC's Tree Line Maintenance Program can help you avoid these problems. By regularly keeping electric wires free of vegetation, we're able to prevent power outages and avoid a number of safety hazards. Your cooperation helps to ensure the reliability of your electric service, now and in the future.



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Why is Tree Trimming Important?

- ▶ Overgrown trees cause nearly one-fourth of all power outages
- ▶ Fallen trees and limbs can cause wires to break or sag
- ▶ Trees too close to power lines can prevent our crews from efficiently repairing lines

Tree Line Maintenance: How it Works

When we clear trees from around power lines, it prevents disruptions to your electric service, and it makes your property more safe. Here's how the program works:

- ▶ Maintenance revolves around a consistent and planned trimming cycle
- ▶ On the average, we clear main power lines every three years; and neighborhood lines every six years
- ▶ We only prune trees growing too close to power lines
- ▶ Trees posing no threat to electric equipment won't be trimmed
- ▶ By patrolling the entire length of a power line (vs. individual locations) we can give our customers better reliability

811—Call Before You Dig

As you select the perfect location to plant your tree, you also must take note of underground utility lines. In fact, Florida law requires that you call 811 to locate and mark buried lines before you start digging. This free service helps to keep everyone safe!

Call 811 or visit the Sunshine 811 website at least three business days before you begin. This same law applies to hired professionals.



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**



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