

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.

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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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 average, FPU clears around overhead distribution lines every 4 years
- ▶ FPU clears around power lines to ensure outage prevention and a safe working environment
- ▶ Trees that grow into the primary lines in such a way that can't be trimmed according to ANSI A300 standards may be removed to prevent future outages and safety concerns
- ▶ Vegetation that grows above 14' under power lines may be removed if it grows in such a way that prevents ANSI A300 trimming
- ▶ Vegetation around pad-mounted equipment may be trimmed back 2' around sides and 12' around the front(s) to provide access and safe working clearance for maintenance and troubleshooting
- ▶ By patrolling the entire length of a power line (vs. individual locations) we can give our customers better reliability



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