



Tree Trimming Program

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Plymouth Utilities Tree Trimming Program is a preventative measure which aids in the delivery of safe and reliable power to our customers. Tree limbs and branches that extend over, or grow into electrical facilities pose a significant risk to public safety and power reliability. Severe weather such as high winds or heavy snow can cause tree related interruptions of service or prolonged outages to our customers. In an effort to ensure safety and limit tree related interruptions and outages, Plymouth Utilities takes a proactive approach to Electrical Facility Maintenance. We have implemented a tree trimming program that has been developed using PSC 113 as well as the ANSI A-300 standard as a guide.

Plymouth Utilities assumes the responsibility for maintaining proper clearance between the primary electrical facilities and trees. The goal of maintaining the proper facility maintenance shall be achieved by following the measures detailed below.

- A minimum clearance of 10 feet is required between trees and our primary overhead electrical facilities. Limbs that are within ten feet of our facilities shall be trimmed according to the ANSI A-300 standard.
- Trees that are located in the Right-of-Way shall be removed.
- Plymouth Utilities will attempt to contact the land owner a minimum of twenty-four hours prior to beginning work on their property. (This does not include work to be done within the road Right-of-Way or emergency repairs.)
- Tree Trimming will be conducted year-round on a four-year cycle.
- Wood and brush generated from the preventative clearance of electrical facilities during the normal scheduled cycle shall be removed by Plymouth Utilities.
- Wood, brush and debris generated from the restoration of damaged or infringed upon electrical facilities due to severe weather shall become the responsibility of the land owner.
- Property owners may request Plymouth Utilities to remove trees that are, or will interfere with primary electrical facilities. These requests will be dealt with in a case-by-case manner.
- Property owners or contractors wishing to prune or remove trees that are within ten feet of overhead primary facilities shall contact Plymouth Utilities before the work begins.
- Property owners or contractors may request the temporary removal of secondary overhead electrical facilities to aid in the safe pruning or removal of trees. Requests shall be made by phone to the Electric Operations Manager at least 24 hours in advance of the needed removal. There are no associated costs to the customer for temporary removal of secondary electrical facilities during normal operating hours.