



Tree Trimming Information

2019 Tree Trimming Notice:

The areas scheduled for tree trimming in 2019 are the East County Road and the Lost River Airport to the Mazama Store. OCEC will begin trimming these areas when we can gain access

To provide SAFE and RELIABLE electricity service to our members, Okanogan County Electric Cooperative seeks to provide a minimum of 10' to 15' clearance from overhead conductors. In some cases, trees will be trimmed heavily.

Where feasible and necessary, we will seek to remove fast growing or hazardous trees from under power lines. Tree removal candidates include the following:

- Fast Growing trees that interfere with primary conductors.
- Deciduous trees that require excessive trimming.
- Dead, dying, diseased or defective trees which have a high probability of falling and contacting primary conductors.
- Trees with tree houses or climbable trees in close proximity to transmission or primary conductors at or near homes, schools, parks or any other locations where people frequently visit.
- Naturally seeded trees or smaller trees that will eventually interfere with primary conductors

Considering these conditions, trimming these trees and allowing them to remain within the ROW or in hazard areas under/adjacent to overhead conductors is not cost effective. The Co-Op will make site specific decisions regarding the treatment or removal of these trees. Trees that are determined to be defective or damaged under these guidelines are candidates for removal.

New Services / Right-of-way Clearing:

On all new services, the member will be responsible to clear the initial right of way based on Okanogan County Electric Co-op's specifications. The OCEC Engineering department will be in contact with the member to discuss the required specifications and to show member what trees/brush need to be trimmed or removed. OCEC crews will do all clearing within the State and County right of way and the member will be invoiced for this service. Members will not be put on the construction schedule until the right of way has been cleared and approved by the Engineering department. After construction is complete OCEC will handle all future right of way clearing/trimming.

Please do not plant trees under - or near - the power lines.

Please contact the OCEC Engineering department if you have questions.

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