



## VEGETATION MANAGEMENT FOR SAFETY AND RELIABILITY

### Delivering Safe, Reliable Electric Service

The employees of Dayton Power and Light are committed to providing our customers with reliable and safe electric service. It's what customers expect and is a part of our obligation as an electric utility.

An important component of our reliability efforts is to keep electric lines and facilities clear of vegetation. Unfortunately, trees and power lines don't mix. Tree limbs contacting power lines are a common cause of power outages and can create a safety issue.

To help maintain safe and reliable electric service, DP&L's Vegetation Management Program—also known as line clearance or tree trimming—controls trees, shrubs, and brush growing around our facilities and equipment, including power lines. Our staff of Vegetation Management employees includes certified arborists and reliability specialists who manage the program year round.



### Our Contractors

DP&L contracts line clearance work to professional tree-trimming services. All line clearance work is done in accordance with the National Arborists Association and the International Society of Arboriculture's recommended standards. Our goal is to keep trees alive and healthy as well as to deliver reliable power to your home.

Current vegetation management contractors include:

- ABC Professional Tree Services, Inc.
- Asplundh Tree Expert Company
- CWG, LLC.
- Fitzwater Tree & Lawn Care
- Lewis Tree Service, Inc.
- Trees Inc.
- Nelson Tree Services

### Routine Trimming Policy

On a regular basis, DP&L's vegetation management team evaluates the conditions of power lines and the amount of vegetation growth surrounding them. Based on these ongoing evaluations, DP&L schedules preventative maintenance trimming to proactively strengthen reliability in a cost-effective manner.

When performing this preventative routine trimming, our line clearance contractors remove and/or chip tree limbs and the debris from the property owner's trees (less than 4 inches in diameter), but leave the logs (greater than 4 inches in diameter) stacked at the base of the tree from which they came. These are cut to handling length and left for the property owner's use.

DP&L notifies residential customers at least one week prior to trimming in their area.

### Emergency Trimming Policy

When a power outage is the result of a storm, tree limbs often need to be cut away before power can be safely restored. In these emergency situations, we do not remove the debris. Our priority is to work quickly to restore power to all of our customers. Brush and wood are left at the property so that we can proceed with our restoration work. Your community's department of public works, private trash collectors or a professional tree-removal service can lend assistance and advice regarding the disposal of brush and other debris.

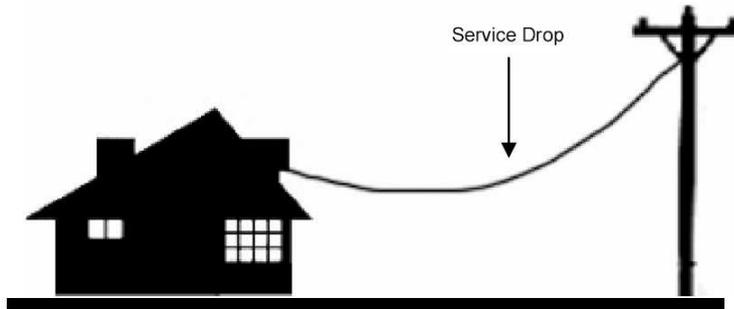


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### Trees on Your Property

It is the responsibility of the property owner to keep the service drop—the wires that run from the pole to the house—clear of trees. We recommend hiring a professional tree service to do this trimming. DP&L will assist the tree trimmer by de-energizing the service drop so that work can be performed safely. There is no charge for this service. Customers can simply call DP&L's Construction Control Center (937-331-4860) a few days

in advance of the work to schedule an appointment.



### Plant Smart!

When planning your landscaping, consider how tall any trees will be when they reach maturity. By planting tall trees away from power lines, this will reduce the amount of trimming needed for line clearance. The diagram below provides general guidelines for tree height and distance from power lines.

Always call the Ohio Utilities Protection Service (OUPS) at 1-800-362-2764 before you do any digging.

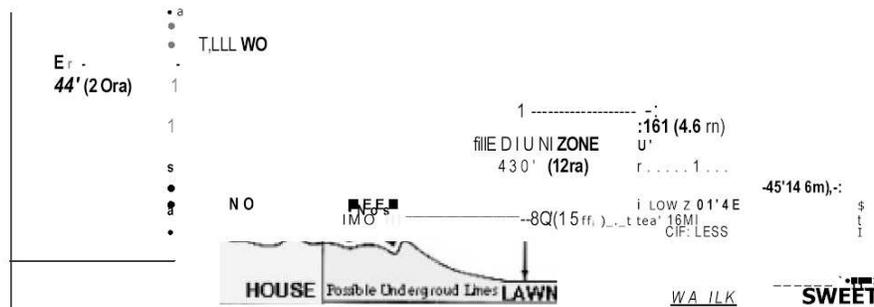


Diagram courtesy of International Society of Arboriculture

### Considerations for Homes With Underground Lines

In neighborhoods where power lines are located underground, transformers and other above-ground equipment are used to connect and regulate underground service. These facilities require periodic maintenance and access to restore service during outages. A 10-foot clearance is required from the front of the equipment and a 3-foot clearance is needed around the back and the sides. Please plan your landscaping with these clearances in mind. Be sure to consider how much the landscaping will spread as it matures. We must trim or remove vegetation or structures that encroach on these clearances.

### Contact Us

If you have any questions regarding DP&L's Vegetation Management Program, please call our Line Clearance Customer Line at 888-582-3213.