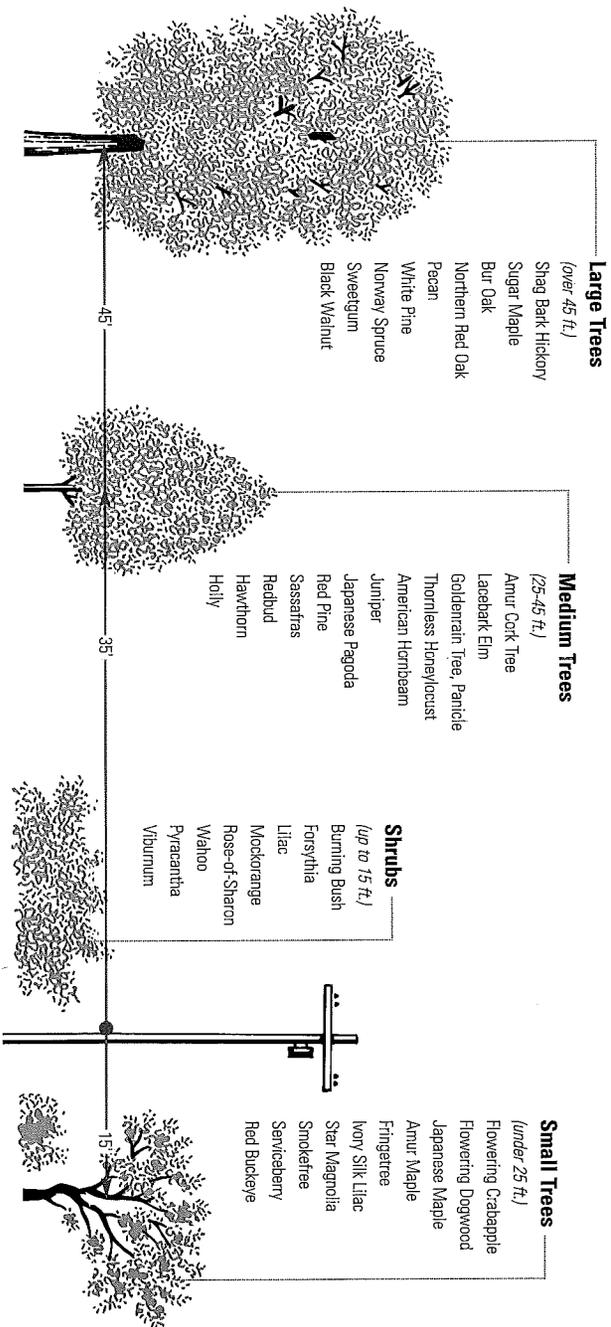


Examples of Plantings that Provide Safe Spacing from Overhead Lines

Please use this guide to help determine the best tree choices near service lines and poles.



Points to Remember

- Before working on existing trees or planting new ones, look up and look down.
- Call AmerenUE at (800) 552-7583 for assistance in disconnecting or dropping service lines before beginning tree trimming on your property.
- Call "Missouri One Call" at (800) 344-7483 (or 800-DIG-RTTE) to check for underground utility lines before you dig.

For more information

on tree trimming or to find out more about **Project Power On**, call (314) 342-1111, or visit www.ameren.com/poweron.



Tree- Trimming Guide

Your Power and Your Trees

Tree-trimming crews from AmerenUE are in your area and will be working for several months to help maintain safe and reliable power delivery to your home.

As much as we value our trees, they account for many outages, flickers, and blinks when they come into contact with power lines. High-voltage power lines pulled to the ground by fallen trees and limbs create a particular public safety threat.

AmerenUE's intensified tree-trimming effort is part of *Project Power On*, a three-year, \$1 billion initiative to improve service reliability, upgrade power delivery systems, and enhance the environmental performance of our power plants. Tree trimming will continue to be a priority into the future.

Crews will be cutting trees on utility easements throughout the area. Easements are parts of your property that utility workers have the right to enter to maintain electric, phone, or cable lines. Those lines usually found in the lowest position on a pole (telephone and cable lines) do not have clearance requirements since they are not used to carry electricity into your home or business.

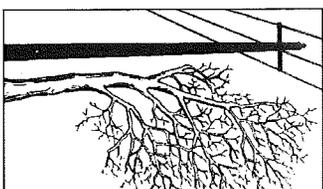
You do not need to contact AmerenUE for this service. Over the next few months, you might notice crew members on the streets and easements in your neighborhood making a preliminary assessment of the trees adjoining your lines. Some time after that, crews will begin the trimming process.

Our Professional Pruning Techniques

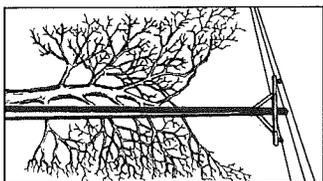
Our professional vegetation program has been recognized by Tree Line USA®, sponsored by The Arbor Day Foundation. The program promotes the dual goals of dependable utility service and abundant healthy trees in America's communities.

Requirements for becoming a Tree Line USA utility include: 1) quality tree care; 2) annual worker training; and, 3) tree planting and public education. AmerenUE's trimming practices promote healthier forests, reduce tree mortality, lower line clearance costs, and increase reliability of service.

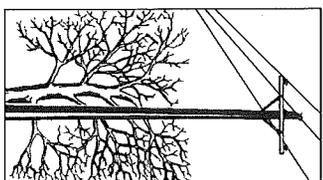
These methods, shown in the illustrations below, protect the health of the tree while still providing established minimum safety clearances.



Side Pruning



"V" Pruning



Crown Reduction

Using this process, the tree is "trained" to grow away from the line, minimizing the need for and severity of future trimming.

Maintaining Trees and Power Lines on Your Property

AmerenUE trims trees in rights-of-way and easements. Trees near the electric line that runs from the main power line to your home — called a service drop — are your responsibility.

If you are concerned about tree growth near your service drop, you may call AmerenUE at (800) 552-7583 to schedule

an appointment to have the power disconnected so the trees near this line can be trimmed safely.

We recommend that you hire a professional tree-trimming service to perform this trimming work to ensure future growth does not interfere with the power lines.

Planting the Right Tree in the Right Place

The Forestry Department at AmerenUE urges you to prevent avoidable disruptions of electrical service by maintaining existing trees on your property and selecting the appropriate new or replacement tree and the right place to plant it.

Trees increase the value of our homes. They absorb pollution, prevent soil from eroding, reduce home energy costs, help the environment, and offer homes for wildlife. Before planting, consider how a mature, full-grown tree will look on your property and where it might cause damage if it ever comes down. AmerenUE encourages you to ask your nursery or arborist for advice on the right kind of tree and the best place to plant.

Homeowners sometimes buy fast-growing trees in order to have mature trees in a short time. However, these types of trees generally have softer wood, making them susceptible to damage from storms, wind, and ice. Fast-growing trees also have relatively shorter life spans. Slower-growing species tend to live longer, have strong, dense wood, attract wildlife, and are less prone to damage from insects and disease.

Another consideration when planting trees is that some utility lines run underground. Before you dig to plant a tree, call "Missouri One Call" at (800) 344-7483 (300-DIG-RITE). This service is free.