

Trees and Power Lines Do Not Mix.

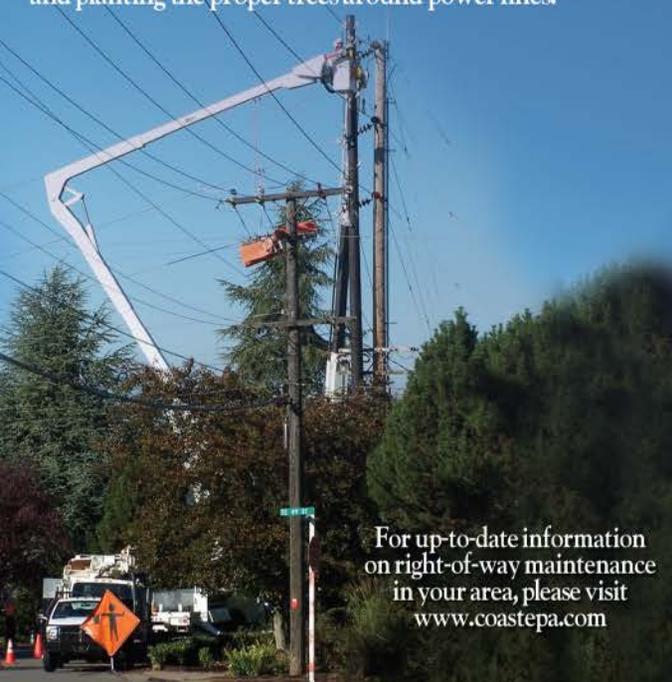
We all appreciate trees. Trees provide beauty and habitat for wildlife. They also help cool our homes, provide wind, noise and visual buffers and can increase our property value if placed properly.

We also appreciate electricity, although sometimes we take it for granted. When planning our daily activities, we expect the power to be on. Unfortunately, trees and power lines are not a good mix.

Trees growing in power lines can cause blinks or short service interruptions, power outages, line loss and can potentially cause harm to you, your children and to CEPA employees.

Our desire for both trees and electricity can sometimes cause controversy when right of ways must be cleared. We do not want electric service to be interrupted. However, we do not want our trees to be cut.

We all appreciate the importance of trees especially since Katrina. As the Mississippi Gulf Coast rebuilds, trees are being planted in large numbers. This brochure explains the importance of not planting trees under power lines and planting the proper trees around power lines.



For up-to-date information on right-of-way maintenance in your area, please visit www.coastepa.com

We Need Your Help!

Overgrown utility easements make the job of locating and fixing power outages more time consuming, costly, and even dangerous for our utility crews. By keeping the right-of-way clear, we are able to safely restore your power in less time.

You can help us hold down costs and increase your power reliability by not planting trees and bushes under or near power lines. By following the planting guidelines provided in this brochure, you will help us in our efforts to provide you safe and reliable electricity at the lowest possible price.

Remember, those tiny seedlings and saplings will one day be tall trees with far-reaching limbs. Plant wisely so that you can enjoy your trees for many years to come. Utility right-of-ways are tempting places to plant trees. They are usually open and clear. Please resist that temptation.

If you have any questions concerning tree placement or selection please contact our right-of-way department at 228-363-7300.



There are many safety issues than can takeplace when trees contact power lines. If you see a tree contacting power lines or have a question concerning right-of-way, please contact your local CEPA office.

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Our Mission Statement

We exist to provide our member-owners superior service and dependable electricity at the lowest possible price, and to improve the economy and quality of life in our community.

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Vegetation Management Practices

A Guide to Planting the Right Tree in the Right Place



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Plan Before You Plant...

Safety First

A very important reason for planting the right tree in the right place is safety. Trees are climbable structures and children love to climb.

Would you want your child playing in a tree located close to a high voltage line?



Questions to Ask Before Selecting a Tree

- Why are you planting this tree? Do you want shade, screening, spring flowers, fall color or simply something green?
- What will be the size of the tree at maturity? Does the tree have room to grow in width as well as height? Will the tree form an upright, round, or spreading crown? How fast will the tree grow?
- What affect could the tree have on utility lines both above and below ground? Are any utility transformers or pedestals nearby?
- Will the tree bear any undesirable fruit or flowers or produce large seed crops that will litter the yard? Could the tree shade your neighbor's roses, hang over on their property or otherwise be an inconsiderate choice?
- Will the tree survive in the local climate and soil? Is there enough water and light available for the tree selected? Have you considered surrounding plantings such as grass, flowers, shrubs or trees?

What to Plant

Area 1 Smaller Trees and Shrubs

Indigo Bush	Azaleas	Mountain Laurel
Fringe Tree	Huckleberry	American Beautyberry
Witch Alder	Wax Myrtle	Dwarf Huckleberry
Snowbell	Buckwheat Tree	Tree Huckleberry
Wax Myrtle	Witch Hazel	Elliott's Blueberry

Area 2 Medium Trees

Mayhaw	Crabapple	Paw Paw
Titi	Swamp Bay	Ironwood
Silverbell	Cherry Laurel	Eastern Redbud
Holly	Wing Sumac	Dogwood

Area 3 Larger Trees

Red Maple	Black Tupelo	Nuttall Oak
Florida Maple	Spruce Pine	Live Oak
River Birch	Longleaf Pine	Pond Cypress
Sweet Gum	Black Cherry	Bald Cypress
Tulip Tree	White Oak	Winged Elm
Magnolia	Cherrybark Oak	Cedar Elm

There are other trees not listed above they may be suited to plant. For more information on selecting trees to plant near power lines contact CEPA's Right-of-Way Department at 228-363-7300.

Replant Mississippi

As our efforts continue to rebuild the Gulf Coast it would benefit us to replant trees that are native to Mississippi. Native trees adapt better to our soil and climate which helps in establishment and requires less maintenance. All the trees listed in this brochure are native to Mississippi.

Where Should I Plant?

The answer to this question should be carefully considered. The diagrams in this brochure can provide help in planting the right tree in the right place. Trees and power lines do not mix, however, with proper placement they can co-exist!

