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Planting the right tree in the right place

Trees are a massive asset for supporting sustainability in our community. Planting the right tree in the right place can mean more energy savings for your home or business, additional curb appeal and increased ecological diversity. However, when doing any landscaping, it's important to think about placement first and consider how much space

you'll need. This is especially true when planting trees. Be sure to plan ahead and check local requirements before you break ground.

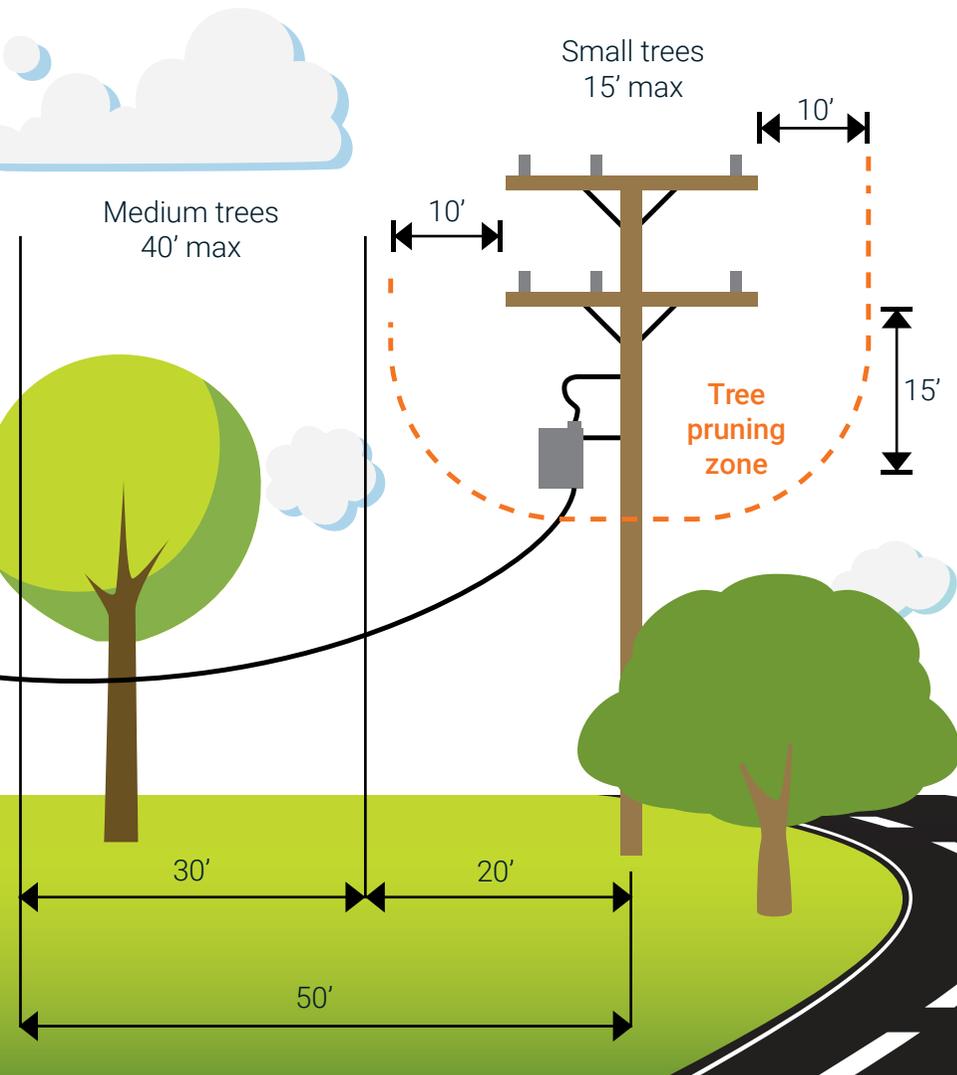
Beneficial as they are, trees are regularly among the top outage causes in the Lincoln area. In 2021 they contributed almost a quarter of

the total customer outage minutes during normal operating days.

When tree growth extends into powerlines, outages and safety hazards become much more likely. If you want to plant a tree near powerlines, ensure its maximum height won't exceed 15 feet. Trees that could grow up to 20 feet should be planted at least 20 feet away from powerlines. Trees that grow up to 40 feet or taller need to be at least 50 feet away.

Contact LES Land Management at **402.473.3252** with questions about LES' tree-trimming, planting and landscaping guidelines. These guidelines are in place to maintain our local reliability by preventing damage to overhead lines and allowing crews safe access to equipment when needed.

If you're planning a project that involves digging, call Nebraska Diggers Hotline by dialing **8-1-1**. Our area's electrical system is supported by both overhead and underground powerlines. Don't risk a serious injury by hitting a buried powerline.



Checkout our safe tree trimming and landscaping tips by visiting

LES.com/Safety



SAVE THE DATE

April 21 // Integrated Resource Plan Meeting #1

The first meeting for LES' 2022 Integrated Resource Plan will be held April 21 at the LES Operations Center located at 9445 Rokeby Rd. This first of three public meetings planned throughout the year will provide an overview of the IRP process and a review of LES' Sustainable Energy Program. Go to [LES.com/IRP](https://les.com/IRP) for more details.

April 23 // Lincoln Earth Day

Join LES throughout April as we talk sustainability online and in person. Find a complete list of our Sustainability Series events at [LES.com](https://les.com) and visit us at Lincoln Earth Day, April 23, while we celebrate environmental stewardship and offer tips to live more sustainably in our area and create a greener Lincoln.

Join LES all year long for our 2022 Sustainability Series!

Learn about our goal to achieve net-zero carbon dioxide by 2040. Discover ways community members can help with our decarbonization efforts, engage with LES staff on energy topics, and grow your knowledge base so you can contribute to our community's growth and live a sustainable life.



LES SUSTAINABILITY
SERIES EVENTS

#ThankALineworker

Lineworker Appreciation Day is April 18. Join LES on social media as we celebrate by highlighting more of our LES lineworkers.



MATT CHRISTENSEN, CREW LEADER

Location: South
Years of experience: 15
Years with LES: 15
Crew leader since: May 2020

Matt heads a five-person crew with nearly 35 years combined experience.

What do you think about most on the job?:

"We work in a hazardous job, but the job is only as hazardous as you make it. You take the steps to make the job safe and eliminate as many hazards as you can. There's still unknowns ... but for the most part our crew's pretty good about keeping track of that stuff."



JASON STRODE, CREW LEADER

Location: North
Years of experience: 12
Years with LES: 8
Crew leader since: Nov. 2021

Jason heads a five-person crew with over 40 years of combined experience.

What do you like most about the job?:

"When a storm comes through, you go out to get people's power back on ... We hear just hoops and hollers, people clapping and yelling 'thank you.' You can't even see them. They're just yelling out the door in the dark because they know you're somewhere close. You hear that; it's a great feeling. It really is."

Does your home-improvement project qualify for rebates?

There are plenty of reasons to update your home with financial incentives through LES' Sustainable Energy Program.

SEP incentives are made available to encourage customers to make energy-saving improvements on their homes and businesses.

For example, residential customers who want to update their heating and cooling systems with air source heat pumps, air conditioners or even geothermal systems, are eligible to receive incentives of up to \$500 (\$1,500 for geothermal).

Homeowners with no wall or minimal attic insulation can also qualify for incentives when they upgrade insulation levels to code. Even if you're looking to get a new, energy-efficient heat pump water heater, LES may be able to help.

Once you've decided on a qualifying project and gotten authorization from LES, the next steps are easy:

1. Funds are available on a first-come, first-served basis beginning Jan. 1, 2022.
2. Visit [LES.com/SEP](https://les.com/SEP) to see the list of participating contractors.

3. Contact one or more of the SEP participating contractors for bids and available incentives.
4. Ask your tax advisor if the project qualifies for a federal tax credit.

To see full descriptions of incentive-qualifying residential projects or a list of available incentives for commercial customers, go to [LES.com/SEP](https://les.com/SEP).

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