

Tree Trimming Picture This

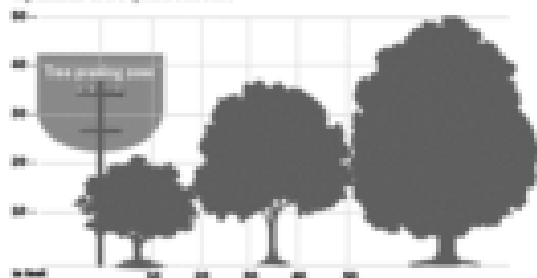


OPPD's tree-trimming is a cut above

Trees and reliable electric service are both important to our community, but the two can not always coexist. Tree limbs can bring down power lines, causing outages, and so trimmed power lines is a safety hazard. OPPD trims trees away from lines for two reasons:

- Maintain public safety
- Ensure reliable electric service

Optimal tree placement



Natural trimming method

OPPD adheres to the standards of national arborist organizations when trimming trees. The utility uses a "natural" trimming method in which branches are pruned back to the natural point of growth. This procedure is healthier than indiscriminately cutting away branches of the tree. The natural method enables the tree to heal faster, which reduces the chances of insect and disease damage. It also provides a healthier approach of trimming shrubs away from power lines.

3 common ways OPPD prunes trees for safety



Highly qualified professionals

OPPD employs a highly trained staff of arborists, who are certified arborists. The arborist team checks the work of arborists from throughout the state. Each arborist is licensed and must receive ongoing training to remain certified.

Trimming techniques

Before a tree is trimmed, a trained arborist inspects the tree and selects certain limbs to be removed. The limbs chosen are those that interfere with lines. The arborist uses a specialized pruning style that leaves the tree to grow away from the power lines and minimizes the number of cuts required.



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