

Right Tree, Right Place

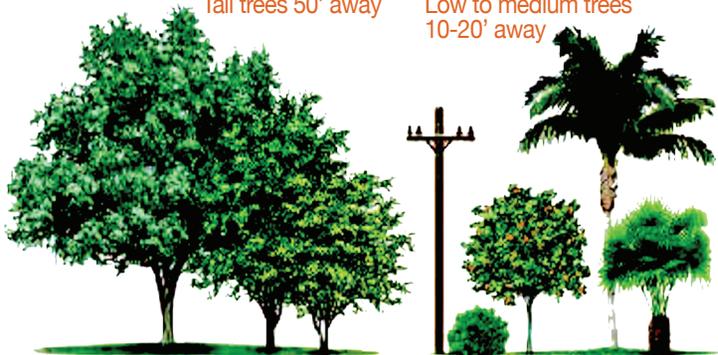
LCEC values the important roles trees play in our natural and landscaped environments. Yet, trees are incompatible with overhead electric lines. Electrocutation is one of the leading causes of death across the tree care industry.

The best accident prevention

1. Keep trees clear of power lines. This starts with choosing the right tree to plant in the right place.
2. Maintaining your property so that trees that voluntarily grow in the area do not reach a height that requires pruning away from power lines.
3. Always consider space and growth before planting trees in your yard. While trees that are too small may not provide the amount of beauty and shade you are looking for, trees that are too large can create future problems as they conflict with your home, fences, neighbors' yards, and yes, power lines.

Tall trees 50' away

Low to medium trees
10-20' away



PALMS - Safety and Reliability

Palms cause more than 50 percent of the vegetation-caused power outages for LCEC customers. Once tall enough, their fronds may contact or drop onto power lines and can cause service interruptions.

Do not attempt to prune or hire a tree care contractor to prune palms with trunks or fronds closer than 10 feet from energized powerlines.

If you have palms on your property growing near our power lines, please call LCEC. We may prune them safely away from the lines, or remove them at no cost to you.

Please help keep our community
Safe and TreeWise!



Tips and precautions for tree care near electric lines



**YOUR safety
is OUR priority**

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Four life saving things to remember!

- 1** Tree care near power lines may cause serious injury or death.
- 2** Touching or contacting a power line with tools may cause a powerful electric shock.
- 3** When pruning trees, ALL tools and trimmings must remain a minimum of 10 feet away from energized lines.
- 4** Only qualified line clearance arborists may work within 10 feet of energized lines.



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Always call LCEC first

Before attempting to do it yourself, or hiring a contractor to prune or remove trees near our power lines, contact LCEC to perform a site visit.

We will determine the best course of action for line conflicts and your tree.



239-656-2300

How can LCEC help?

- We can schedule safe clearing by line clearance professionals in advance of your tree care.
- We may deenergize power lines while your tree care is performed.

Danger signs to look for – these are a risk for injury or fatality!

- Lawn care, landscaping, or tree contractors not qualified to work within ten feet of power lines.
- Do not work with metal saws, metal aerial lifts, or metal ladders around electric power lines.

If you see this, stop the work and call LCEC for a free consultation. You could save a life.

A qualified line clearance arborist can do the job safely!

- They complete specialized training for performing tree care around power lines.
- They know and understand the voltage of electric lines they are working near.
- They use the proper equipment such as insulated saws and aerial lifts.

