



SUB TREE TIPS

from Sprout to Shade, Safely

There's no question that in Springfield, we love our trees. And with our moderate climate, abundant rainfall and fertile soil, no matter what you plant, it's bound to grow big—fast. Because trees coexist alongside power lines in many of our neighborhoods, a little planning ensures that the trees you plant will stay in the clear.



Lines and limbs: A combination to avoid

Each year, SUB trims thousands of trees that threaten power reliability and public safety. Because this work is an essential component of maintaining a stable and safe power supply, we follow Oregon Public Utility Commission and National Electric Safety Code guidelines for minimum clearances around electrical wires and other facilities.

If a tree needs trimming, SUB works with property owners to come up with solutions that meet the aesthetic needs of the landowner as well as the utility's reliability standards. To accomplish this, when trimming trees that have grown into or close to power lines, our specially trained team uses techniques that comply with American National Standards Institutes requirements. Still, the best technique is to avoid the need to trim at all. And that's where you come in.

If a new tree is in your future, contact SUB for help. We have a list of power friendly trees and can help you choose the right tree for the right place. In the meantime, here are a couple of things to consider:

Plan before you plant: Get the right tree for the right place

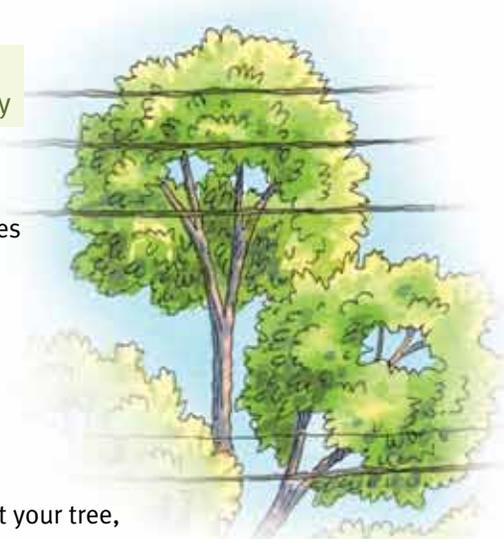
Before selecting a tree, do some planning. Make a list of attributes that matter most to you. For example, you might want a flowering fruit tree, or one that's low maintenance. Next, note the height of the mature tree, the width of its canopy, and its shape. There are dozens of wonderful trees that grow no higher than 20 feet and can therefore coexist with power lines. Let us help you with the possibilities.

Look up, look down, look out: Planting and maintenance safety

If you have a tree that's near the lines, call us and let us take a look. We have specially trained employees who will evaluate the situation and discuss the options with you. Never attempt to remove or trim a tree that has power lines running through it. Always start by calling SUB Tree Trimming at 744-3716.



If you're ready to plant your tree, remember to call 1-800-332-2344 before you dig and get a free utility locate. A little planning can save a whole lot of trouble. We'll get someone out there within 48 hours and then you can dig without worrying about hitting underground facilities, including power lines.



Trees are an important, integral part of our local experience. Remember that we are here to help ensure that this beautiful resource exists with the practical needs of safely delivering power to our community!

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Plan Ahead: Tree Planting Recommendations

