

TREE TRIMMING

Call WE Energies at **800-242-9137** for an inspection before removing a tree or any part of a tree that is closer than 10 feet to a power line. Notification is required by state law and helps keep you safe. Violators may be subject to fine for negligence. After WE Energies is contacted, they will inspect the line at no charge and determine if it is safe for you to proceed. If conditions are unsafe, WE Energies will assist you to make the conditions safe for you to complete the work.

Call WE Energies at 800-242-9137 if you have a concern about a tree contacting a power line. Trees growing too close to power lines can cause sparks, fires, power outages and shock hazards. Plants and other landscaping features can interfere with utility equipment and cause safety risks. Digging into the ground while landscaping can pose serious risk to you and underground utilities. **Call 811 before you dig.**

If you are concerned about trees making contact with power lines, WE Energies will have a forester visit your property to evaluate the situation. They will determine if trimming is needed to maintain safe, reliable service and inform you of their findings. You will not incur any charges for required tree trimming work. Crews only perform work needed to maintain reliable electric service. Work is done efficiently in order to minimize any disruption.

Storms can damage the electrical distribution system. Trees and tree limbs falling on power lines during storms is one of the greatest causes of power outages. When storm occur, WE Energies quickly mobilizes their crews to restore power. Often, they remove fallen trees and broken limbs only to the point where they can restore power safely and quickly. They are not able to assist with removing debris from yards. Please contact the Village if you need information regarding storm cleanup.

MAKING TREE WORK SAFE

- Service lines. These wires are designed to be more resistant to tree contact and only need attention if branches prevent the wire from hanging freely. Before you or your contractor trim or remove trees close to service lines (pole-to-home wires), call 800-242-9137 to ask us to turn off power. We turn off electricity temporarily and restore it when your work is complete – at no charge.
- Primary lines. Primary lines (pole-to-pole wires) cannot be removed from service temporarily because they serve many customers. In these cases, WE Energies

has Asplundh, their tree trimming contractor, trim your tree only to make it safe. Once safe, their work stops and you or your contractor take over.

- Phone and Cable lines. Phone and cable companies maintain their lines even when they are on the WE Energy poles. Contact your phone or cable company for tree conflicts or assistance with phone and cable wires.
- Contracting your tree trimming or removal work. WE Energies recommends use of professionals for extensive tree trimming and tree removal. When you contract a tree service, check its topping policy and whether the contractor is certified. If the contractor recommends topping, consider getting a second opinion. Check for certification with respective organizations in Wisconsin or the International Society of Arboriculture.