Plant the Right Tree in the Right Place

Trees beautify our neighborhoods, and when planted in the right spot, can even help lower energy bills. But the wrong tree in the wrong place can be a hazard... especially to power lines.

LARGE TREES
Height/spread of more than 40 feet, such as:
- Maple
- Oak
- Spruce
- Pine
- Birch
- Sweetgum
- Linden

MEDIUM TREES
Height/spread of 25 to 40 feet, such as:
- Washington hawthorn
- Goldenraintree
- Eastern redbud
- American arborvitae
- Dogwoods

SMALL TREES
Avoid planting within 20 feet of power lines. When planting within 20 feet is unavoidable, use only shrubs and small trees.
Height/spread of no more than 25 feet such as:
- Star magnolia
- Crabapple
- Lilac

Be safe! Always call 811 before you dig to locate any buried utility lines.

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