

# Vegetation Management

We manage trees along easements and public rights-of-way to provide line clearance that ensures personal customer safety, safety for the WMS electric line crews, and reliable electric power while demonstrating respect for customers and their property.

Any questions, please call 734.324.7190.

## How We Trim

- We strive to complete a vegetation maintenance cycle in our service area in order to provide clearance for power lines.
- All vegetation maintenance performed by WMS crews, or our tree trimming contractor, follow pruning standards approved by the American National Standards for Tree Care Operation. Our goal is to retain the health of trees, shrubs and other vegetation, as we clear lines to ensure customer safety and system reliability.
- If you have questions about the tree trimming work in your neighborhood, please call 734.324.7190.

## Storm Debris

When severe weather comes through our area, we may have tree limbs bring down our power lines. When these situations arise, we need to work quickly to restore electric service to the affected homes and businesses. The problem trees will be cut so our line crews can make the needed repairs. The tree debris, brush and wood will be left on your property so we can continue to the next site that needs our attention.

When you see any downed lines, do not attempt to remove any limbs as the lines may still be energized, please leave the area and call us immediately at 734.324.7190 and contact 911 to report the situation.

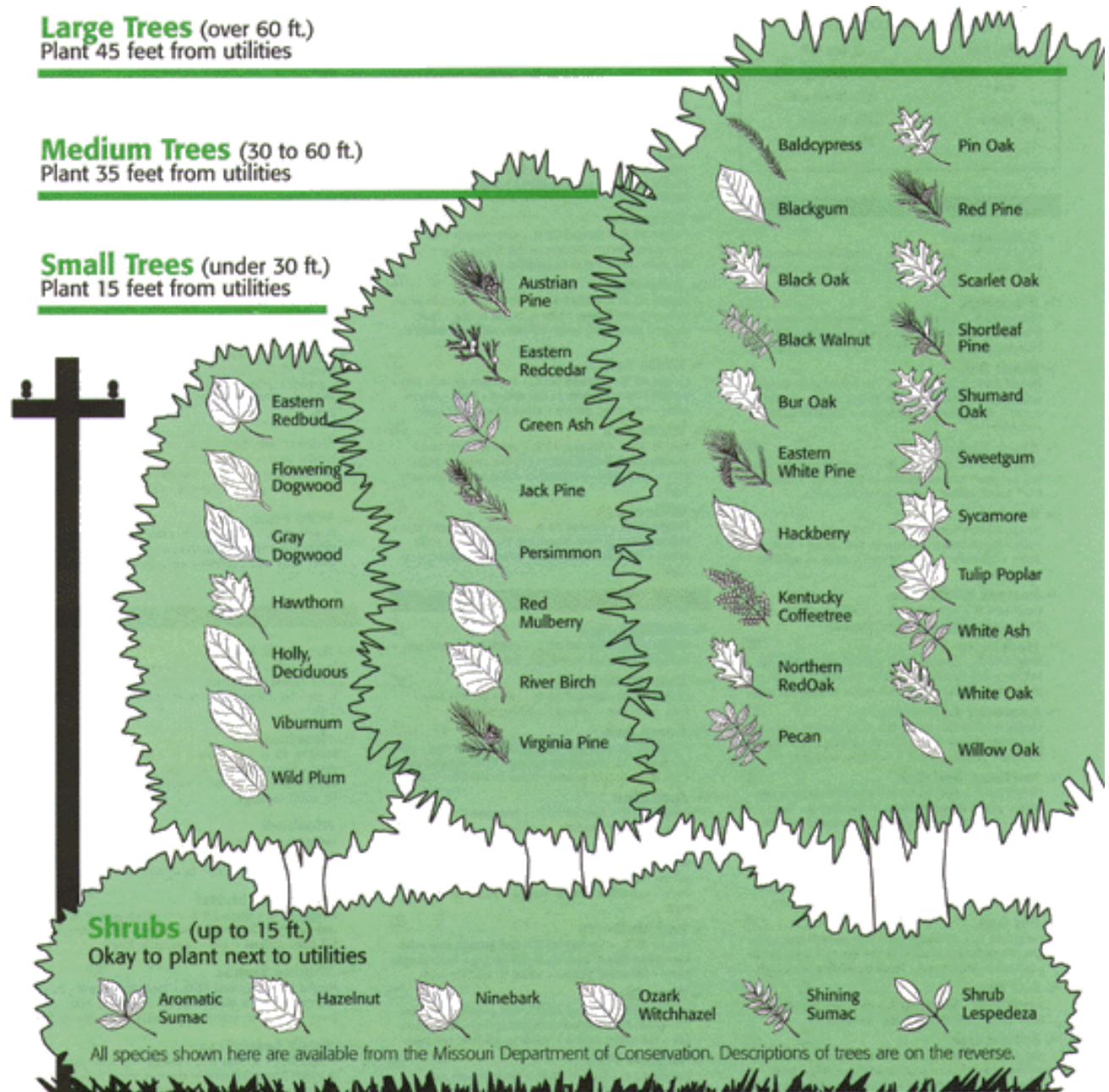
## Tree Planting



When you begin to consider planting a new tree, it's important to consider the type, location and eventual height of the trees you choose to improve safety and electric reliability.

By paying special attention to where you plant each tree, you can enhance the value of your property, save energy costs and prevent costly maintenance trimming or potential damage to your home. Above is a guideline for choosing the right tree.

### Specific Trees and Tree Heights



## Underground Utility Clearance

There are some power lines that are located underground and we have transformers that connect and regulate an underground service. Call Miss Dig before any excavation occurs to ensure your safety and our electric reliability.

Underground transformers require periodic maintenance; therefore it is important that your landscaping does not obstruct access to it. We require an 8-foot clearance from the front of the transformer cabinet as well as a 3-foot clearance around the back and the sides.

### ***Raise the flags for safety!***

Before you dig, call Miss Dig at 1.800.482.7171 to locate all underground utilities. The service is free and should be called three full work days in advance before you dig post holes or plant trees.

## Links

### Urban Forestry Links

#### ***State List***

- » [Global ReLeaf of Michigan](#)
- » [Michigan Forest Association](#)
- » [Michigan Green Industry Association](#)
- » [Michigan Nursery and Landscape Association](#)
- » [Michigan State University Dept. Of Forestry](#)
- » [Michigan Urban and Community Forestry Council](#)

#### ***National List***

- » [American Society of Consulting Arborists](#)
- » [International Society of Arboriculture](#)
- » [National Arbor Day Foundation](#)
- » [USDA Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry](#)