



ARE YOU ON THE TREE CYCLE ROUTE?

Adams Electric works in a four-year vegetation management cycle – meaning at least once every four years all easement areas (rights-of-way) are inspected and work done to maintain them, such as (but not limited to) cutting, trimming, or otherwise removing trees, shrubbery, brush and other vegetation and obstructions. If your property is on the route for

the year's cycle, you will be notified in two ways. Approximately a month before work is scheduled at your property, you will receive a postcard. No further action is needed. Closer to the work date, a representative from a vegetation management contractor, hired by Adams Electric, will attempt to contact you in-person, by phone or by a door hanger notification to discuss the scope of work on, near and/or affecting your property. If you are unsure about who is visiting your property, or otherwise reaching out to you, please contact the co-op directly at 1-800-726-2324 to confirm.

BEFORE & AFTER

A before (1) and after (2) picture below of a right-of-way near the cooperative's Hanover Substation in the Pigeon Hills area of York County shows the difference that vegetation management can make.



HELP KEEP THE POWER ON!



The mission of Adams Electric is to provide safe, reliable power at competitive costs, deliver exceptional service to our members, and help improve the quality of life in the communities it serves. The vegetation management program plays a major role in fulfilling the mission of the cooperative.

A four-year vegetation management cycle allows the cooperative to preventively cut, trim, and otherwise remove trees and other vegetation to best maintain Adams Electric's distribution system. This provides more reliable and safer service and allows crews to handle maintenance and repairs more safely.



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KEEPING COMMUNITIES SAFE

WHILE MAINTAINING THE AREAS TO THE SIDE OF RIGHTS-OF-WAYS IS IMPORTANT TO RELIABILITY, IT IS EQUALLY IMPORTANT FOR SAFETY TO MAINTAIN AROUND ELECTRIC LINES, AT GROUND LEVEL AND IN BETWEEN.

The lines and equipment that carry electricity are dangerous and should always be considered live and harmful. The cooperative asks everyone to stay away from lines and equipment that carry electricity.



In the event of an accident, the electric system has protective devices that detect when a line touches something that it should not such as other conductors, the ground, or objects, like trees. The devices should operate and deenergize the line if it makes contact with something that it should not. However, these devices are not fool proof, and all electric lines should be treated as live and dangerous. Having a properly maintained right-of-way under the lines can help these devices do their jobs better by providing a clear path to ground for fallen conductors.

With safety as a priority, Adams Electric must maintain at, around, and under the electric lines and at ground level to keep cooperative crews, our members, the public, and pets and livestock unharmed.

“TROUBLE TREES”

If you have a tree on your property that could cause a power outage, contact Adams Electric. Someone will visit your property for an evaluation.

The member is responsible for debris that is generated by storm damage and resulting restoration efforts, as well as debris left behind from regular right-of-way maintenance. While vegetation crews may (but are not required to) reasonably chip or remove smaller pieces, any debris is the responsibility of the property owner and Adams Electric will not grind out or remove stumps.

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IF THE TREE IS DEEMED A THREAT TO ONLY ADAMS ELECTRIC'S SYSTEM...

The co-op will plan to have the tree cut, trimmed, or otherwise removed.

IF THE TREE IS THREATENING ONLY YOUR PROPERTY...

You will be asked to make those arrangements at your expense. If you or your tree contractor are concerned about safety, call 1-800-726-2324 to schedule a disconnection and reconnection of your service, which can be done during cooperative-set hours at no charge to you.

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IF THE TREE IS A THREAT TO BOTH THE CO-OP'S SYSTEM AND YOUR PROPERTY...

You may be asked to share in the cost of cutting or trimming the tree. If agreed upon, your share will be added to your electric bill.

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WHAT CAN I PLANT AND WHERE?

The cooperative believes trees are an important part of our environment and community. To avoid dangerous situations and threats to its system, Adams Electric supports the philosophy of *“the right tree in the right place.”*

AS YOU LANDSCAPE YOUR PROPERTY, REMEMBER TO “LOOK UP,” AND KEEP THESE FEW TIPS IN MIND:



Cooperate with Adams in its efforts to provide dependable and safe electricity by maintaining easement areas.



Plant the right tree in the right place. Never plant vegetation under power lines, too close to power lines, or otherwise in the easement areas.



Follow all instructions posted on electrical equipment.



Report any trees that may threaten the electric lines or other equipment that provide you with electric service.

TREE PLANTING GUIDE

