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***Our Tree Trimming Policy***  
*helps avoid power interruptions and safety hazards while preserving the health and beauty of our trees.*

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## ***Tree Trimming Policy***

### *Description*

*North Attleborough Electric Department employs professionals who are properly trained and equipped to cut and trim trees adjacent to electric lines.*

### ***Why Worry about Trees?***

North Attleborough Electric Department is responsible for delivering a safe and reliable supply of electrical energy and trees can present a major obstacle to meeting those responsibilities.

Trees can grow into electric wires, and storms can cause trees to fall or their branches to come in contact with electric wires. Power interruptions or fires can result and personal safety can be at risk.

### ***How Should Tree/Wire Conflicts be Resolved?***

Tree trimming is our first option. Tree trimming is one of the most visible activities at North Attleborough Electric Department. Using trimming techniques that meet standards developed by the National Arborist Association, North Attleborough Electric Department practices tree trimming techniques that minimizes the impact on tree health, structure and appearance.

The improved trimming methods speed wound closure, reduce sprout growth and ultimately direct future limb growth away from the wires. Trees stay healthier and live longer.

### ***Can Every Tree be Saved?***

Trimming large trees near electric wires is only a temporary solution to the tree/wire conflict. Many trees have to be trimmed so extensively and frequently that they ultimately decay and become a hazard. Those trees must be removed for safety.

### ***Is there a Long-Term Solution?***

Yes! To truly eliminate the conflict between trees and overhead electric wires, trees should be selected and planted where their mature height and spread will not interfere with nearby electric wires. Careful matching of tree species and planting locations can reduce the impact of potential conflicts.

Before you plant a tree, however, always first check the location of any underground utilities.\*

### ***Next Step***

If you have questions regarding our Tree Trimming Policy call our Customer Service Department at 508.643.6300 during business hours to set up an appointment. Or visit our Operations Center at 275 Landry Avenue, North Attleborough.

### ***Business Hours:***

***Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.;***  
***Thursday evenings September through June***  
***until 5:00 p.m.***

*\*NOTE: Dig Safe® offers FREE underground utility location services. Call them at 888-DIG-SAFE (888-344-7233) or visit [www.digsafe.com](http://www.digsafe.com) before you plant.*

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