

PURPOSE ~ POLICY ~
CLEARANCES, CONTINUED

Customer Assistance

Kirkwood Electric will assist the customer with their tree-trimming project by providing clearance from energized conductors. Assistance may involve dropping an electric service, covering electric lines or topping a tree. The least costly alternative will be offered to the customer at no charge, as long a work is performed during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, between 7:00 a.m., and 3:30 p.m. If the utility decides to top the tree, the customer is responsible for the removal and disposal of all brush.

For additional information concerning the City of Kirkwood's tree-trimming policy, call Kirkwood Electric at 822-5848.

Tree Trimming Clearances

(Minimum Clearances)

Species / Voltage / Clearance

Slow-growing / 100-600 volts / 2 feet

Fast-growing / 100-600 volts / 4 feet

Slow-growing / 2200-2400 volts / 4 feet

Fast-growing / 2200-2400 volts / 6 feet

Slow-growing / 7200-13,600 volts / 6 feet

Fast-growing / 7200-13,600 volts / 8 feet

*Slow-growing / 20,00-34,500 volts / 8 feet

*Fast growing / 20,000-34,500 volts / 12 feet

*Overhanging branches should be removed whenever possible



WHERE COMMUNITY AND SPIRIT MEET®

For information about this brochure or other publications of the City of Kirkwood, please contact the Public Information Office,
139 S. Kirkwood Road
Kirkwood, MO 63122
314-822-5894
Revised: August 2012

**CITY OF KIRKWOOD
TREE TRIMMING POLICY**

It is the policy of Kirkwood Electric to keep electric lines clear of all trees that are likely to cause a power outage or damage the utility's electric facilities. This brochure contains the uniform tree trimming standards for Kirkwood Electric.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT
MARK PETTY, DIRECTOR,
KIRKWOOD ELECTRIC, AT
314-822-5847.**



WHERE COMMUNITY AND SPIRIT MEET®



PURPOSE ~ POLICY ~ CLEARANCES

The purpose of this policy is four-fold: 1) Establish uniform tree trimming standards that recognize the responsibility of the utility, the utility contractor, and the property owner; 2) Promote non-discriminatory practices that are fair to all utility customers; 3) Provide direction to the workers and utility contractors; 4) Recognize the mutual benefits of working with property owners' tree trimming efforts.

Primary Lines

All tree trimming shall be done within the easement or right-of-way unless express permission has been obtained from the property owner. Only branches growing into the lines shall be trimmed; branches growing away from the lines shall be preserved to promote tree growth away from the lines. Tree shaping shall be avoided whenever possible.

Property Owner Notification

Each property owner shall be notified that trees located on their property need to be trimmed. Permission to enter property should be obtained whenever possible. Trees located on a public right-of-way can be trimmed without obtaining permission

from the neighboring property owner. Trees located on private property and overhanging a public right-of-way should not be trimmed without proper notification.

Brush Removal

When trimming primary and secondary electric lines, all brush and trimmings shall be removed from the property and the area shall be raked if necessary. Removal and disposal of brush and trimmings related to storms and from the trimming of overhead services is the responsibility of the property owner.

Secondary Lines

Secondary lines shall be trimmed to avoid interference with the conductor sag and damage to conductor insulation. Occasional tree contact with secondary lines is not critical to reliable electric service. Only minimal trimming of secondary lines to eliminate constant contact should be made. Tree guard should be used to protect secondary lines when main tree trunks are involved.

Utility Poles

Utility poles shall be kept clear of trees and other vegetation that interferes with safe climbing and working on the pole.

Electric Services

Trimming of electric services shall be done at the customer's request and will be lim-

ited to pruner pole trimming only. Removal and disposal of brush is the responsibility of the property owner. The use of tree guard is recommended where pruning will not eliminate constant contact. Where the tree will likely cause damage to the service line and the problem cannot be remedied by pruning or the use of tree guard, the customer shall be notified of the problem. It is the customer's responsibility to remedy the problem. The utility will drop the overhead service line at no charge to the customer.

Storm Damage

Tree trimming related to storm-damaged trees shall be limited to clearing the lines and the electrical equipment so repairs can be made. In the interest of public safety, streets and sidewalks should be cleared when clearing for power lines. Brush removal and disposal is the responsibility of the property owner or the City of Kirkwood. Each part shall be notified accordingly. Under no circumstances shall brush be removed by Kirkwood Electric employees or a Kirkwood Electric contractor unless authorized by the Line Department Superintendent or a higher authority. When additional tree trimming is performed for the purpose of providing line clearance, the brush associated with such trimming shall be removed by Kirkwood Electric or its contractor.