

Eversource Tree Information

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1. Tree Trimming:

Eversource tree contractors will notify you in advance by mail and/or a door hanger, providing an estimated date for the work, and contact information if you have further questions.

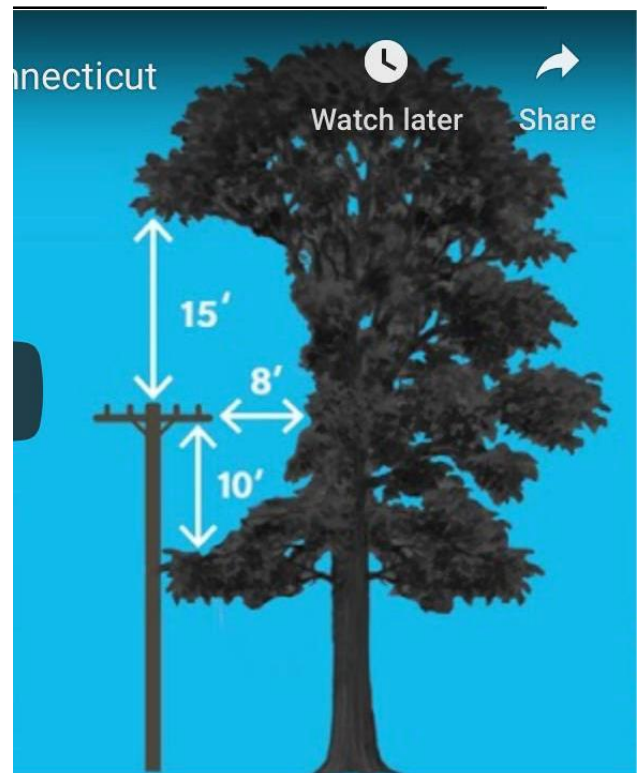
On average, our trimming specifications for regularly scheduled vegetation management are within 8 feet to the side, 10 feet below, and 15 feet above the wires.

Eversource selectively removes **hazard trees** that are identified as dead, in poor health, or that have structural defects and the potential to fall on power lines and equipment.

At your request, you may keep the wood resulting from any trimming that takes place on or near your property. Call in Connecticut: 800-286-2000

WHAT EVERSOURCE DOES:

- **Routinely assess + schedule maintenance tree work to clear vegetation that poses a threat to reliability or safety.**
- **Remove ONLY those branches that are in direct contact with Eversource service lines and are causing chafing or mechanical strain. Service lines are electric wires that run from the utility pole to a home or business.**
- **Eversource will temporarily shut off power so that work can be performed safely and will restore power once tree work is finished.**



PROPERTY OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Customers are responsible for caring for and maintaining the trees on their property that could threaten to affect electric wire service from the pole to the home or business, or cable or telephone wires, and need to contact a qualified tree professional.
- If Eversource cuts down a tree that is located on a customer's property, stump removal will be the responsibility of the property owner.
- During unscheduled vegetation management or emergency situations, removal and disposal of any cut branches or trees on or near their property is the customer's responsibility.

2. Tree Planting:

Eversource has a list of [30 recommended trees under 30 feet tall](#).

Low-growing trees that won't grow to be greater than 25 feet high, such as crabapple, dogwood, hawthorn, plum, and arborvitae, can be planted near roadside power lines.

Medium-sized trees, maturing at heights of 30-45 feet, can be planted between 15 and 30 feet from power lines. Such trees include ornamental pear, yellow wood, magnolia, hornbeam and shadblow.

Large-growing trees, reaching heights of more than 45 feet, should be planted at least 30 feet from power lines. Oak, maple, hickory, spruce, and pine are some examples.

Check out our '[Plan Before You Plant](#)' information sheet for more about which types of trees are low to tall-growing.

3. Tree Assessment:

‘Concerned about a tree on your property that's near wires? See Eversource diagrams of what they will trim, and will not trim. Eversource arborists will only consider removing branches or trees that have the potential to damage our electric system or are causing mechanical strain to your service line.

TO REQUEST A TREE ASSESSMENT: Call Eversource at 800-286-2000

Assessment is not a guarantee Eversource will complete the work. Do not do the work yourself. Contact an arborist for any work Eversource will not do.

Planting a Tree?

For safety and for electric service reliability, choose one of these beautiful low-growing trees when planting near overhead utility lines.

Eversource's Recommended 30 Trees Under 30 Feet Tall



Hedge Maple
Acer compactum
H 25-30' W 20-30'
Golden fall color



Paperbark Maple
Acer glabrum
H 10-30' W 10-15'
Beautiful bark like bark



Japanese Maple
Acer palmatum
H 10-20' W 10-15'
Red leaves



Korean Maple
Acer pseudo-sieboldianum
H 15-25' W 10-15'
Excellent fall color



Three Flower Maple
Acer triflorum
H 20-30' W 15-20'
Multi-colored fall foliage



Serviceberry
Amelanchier alnifolia
H 10-20' W 10-20'
Showy flowers early



American Hornbeam
Carpinus caroliniana
H 20-30' W 20-30'
Multi-colored fall foliage



Eastern Redbud
Cercis canadensis
H 20-30' W 20-30'
Early spring purple flowers



Hawthorn
Crataegus arbutifolia
H 10-20' W 10-20'
Unique needles and shape



White Fringetree
Chionanthus virginicus
H 12-20' W 10-20'
Fantastic low hanging flowers



Japanese Clematis
Clematis integrifolia
H 10-20' W 10-15'
Butterflies love the flowers



Pagoda Dogwood
Cornus alternifolia
H 10-20' W 10-20'
Attracts birds and butterflies



Kousa Dogwood
Cornus kousa
H 20-30' W 10-20'
Beautiful flowers in June



Cornel cherry Dogwood
Cornus florida
H 15-25' W 10-20'
Very early yellow flowers



Common Smoke Tree
Cotinus coggygria
H 10-15' W 10-15'
Purple leaves, cool flowers



Witch Hazel
Hamamelis virginica
H 10-15' W 10-15'
Flowers in winter



Pawnee Hydrangea
Hydrangea paniculata
H 10-15' W 10-15'
Gorgeous flowers



Amur Maackia
Maackia amurensis
H 10-20' W 10-20'
Light lavender flowers



Baccata Magnolia
Magnolia baccata
H 10-20' W 10-20'
White to pink flowers



Star Magnolia
Magnolia stellata
H 10-20' W 10-15'
Fragrant white flowers



Royal Palm tree
Chamaedorea elegans
H 10-20' W 10-15'
Purple leaves, pink flowers



Persian Ironwood
Parrotia persica
H 20-30' W 10-15'
Early, red spring flowers



Swiss Stone Pine
Pinus peuceuntia
H 12-20' W 10-15'
Slow growing, beautiful shape



Russian Pine
Pinus sibirica
H 10-20' W 10-15'
Dark green needles



Little Twist Cherry
Prunus nana
H 10-15' W 10-15'
Pinkish flowers with zigzag branching



Japanese stewartia
Stewartia sinensis
H 10-20' W 10-20'
Beautiful flowers and exfoliating bark



Tree Lilac
Syringa reticulata
H 20-30' W 10-20'
Hummingbirds and Butterflies love it



Arbutus
Ulex europaeus
H 10-20' W 10-15'
Great screening plant



Linden vireum
Vireum lindenii
H 10-15' W 10-15'
Attracts yellow bees



Blackburn vireum
Vireum gilbertii
H 10-15' W 10-15'
Attracts birds and butterflies

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For more tree planting options, visit arborday.org

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Plan before you Plant

Plant the right tree in the right place for electric service reliability

Trees and power lines don't mix. When they touch, it can cause everything from power outages, fires and downed lines, to safety hazards for people, wildlife and even the trees themselves. Tree branches too close to power lines must be trimmed, and adequate trimming can't always be done in ways that retain the natural aesthetics of the tree.

Low-growing trees maturing up to 25 feet in height such as crabapple, dogwood, hawthorn, plum, and Japanese maple, can be planted near roadside power lines, in the **Red Zone**.

Medium-sized trees, maturing at heights of 25-45 feet, can be planted between **15 and 30 feet from the power lines**, in the **Yellow Zone**. Such trees include arborvitae, flowering cherry, magnolia, hornbeam, and shadblow.

Large-growing trees, reaching heights of more than 45 feet, should be planted **at least 30 feet from power lines**, in the **Green Zone**. Oak, maple, locust, spruce, and pine are some examples.

Plant Trees in the Proper Zone

Red Zone:

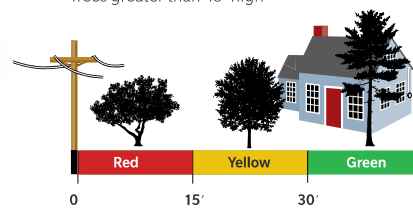
Trees less than 25' high

Yellow Zone:

Trees 25 - 45' high

Green Zone:

Trees greater than 45' high












Call Before You Dig!

Call **1-800-922-4455** at least two full working days before any type of digging. It's free, easy and the law.

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Visit eversource.com for more information about our programs and services.

LOW-Growing	MEDIUM-Growing	TALL-Growing
 Dogwood	 Arborvitae	 Maple
 Flowering Crabapple	 Flowering Cherry	 Oak
 Japanese Maple	 Magnolia	 Pine

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4. Property Damage Claims

Eversource is not responsible for: food loss, power outages, voltage fluctuations or property damage caused by hurricanes, weather-related damage (such as lightning, extreme storms, wind, heat, tree-related damage,) or other acts of nature.

In addition, Eversource is not responsible for losses resulting from service interruptions caused by conditions beyond our control (accidents external to our operations, wildlife, vandalism, etc.) Lastly, Eversource does not reimburse commercial customers for lost business.

Answers to some common questions about the claims process can be found below. If you have another question, or would like to report your claim via phone, please contact Eversource's Claims Department at 844-685-4475. Our staff will respond to you by phone within two business days.