

TRIMMING TREES?

Ruston Light and Power takes the responsibility of trimming the trees around the power lines to insure continuous power and safety. We hire qualified line clearing contract workers who do this for us.

Our aim is to not have to trim the same trees every year, but to get the trees on a cycle trimming. Therefore, depending on the type of tree and how quickly it grows, the crews trim it in a fashion that will best ensure the tree does not threaten safety or electrical reliability during that time. Call if you have any concerns about trees in the right-of-way.

When you are working in your yard and in proximity to power lines, please be careful especially when carrying tall aluminum ladders, pool skimmers or metal picking or pruning equipment.

Also, please teach children to be careful about releasing metallic balloons or flying kites that may come into contact with power lines, and about climbing or playing in trees near or touching wires. Tree houses should not be built within 20 feet of power lines.

City of Ruston Light & Power



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LIGHT & POWER

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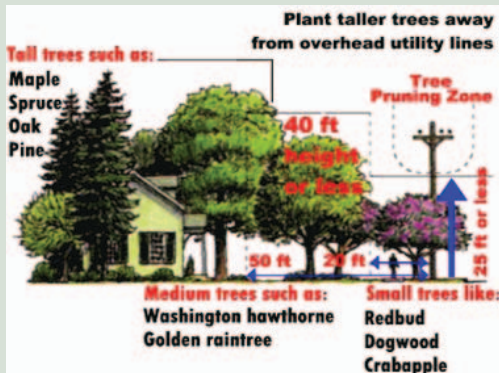
RIGHT TREE, RIGHT PLACE



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PLANTING NEW TREES?

If you are planting a new tree, please consider where you are placing it and what it will look like in 10 or 20 years. Look up from the proposed place where it will be planted and see if there are wires overhead or nearby. We ask that trees within 20 feet of a power line be of a type that grow no more than 25 feet tall. Trees 20 to 25 feet from a power line should not grow more than 40 feet tall. Those growing taller than 40 feet should be planted more than 50 feet from power lines. Pine trees are a major source of power interruptions; most grow much higher than utility poles. Pine trees should not be planted within 50 feet of power lines.



SAMPLING OF THE TREES RECOMMENDED TO PLANT



Prunus cerasifera
Purpleleaf plum



Aesculus pavia
Red Buckeye



Ilex vomitoria
Yaupon



Lagerstroemia indica
Crepe Myrtle



Cercis Canadensis
Eastern Redbud



Malus angustifolia
Southern Crabapple



Acer palmatum
Japanese Maple



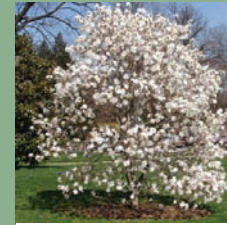
Cornus florida
Dogwood



Magnolia soulangiana
Saucer Magnolia



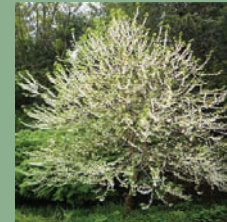
Arbutus unedo
Strawberry Tree



Magnolia Stellata
Star Magnolia



Betula Nigra
River Birch



Halesia Carolina
Carolina Silverbell



Chionanthus Virgincus
Fringe Tree



Malus 'Prairifire'
Flowering Crabapple



Crataegus Viridis
Green Hawthorn