

vegetation management



Vegetation never stops growing. When trees touch power lines, it acts as a conductor and increases the risk of injury and even death. Children climbing trees, homeowners using ladders and farm equipment, and line workers can all be at risk.



DON'T DIG UP A HEAP OF TROUBLE!

Contact MLEC before you do any digging, pushing pipe, trenching or plowing. Your safety depends on it.

Avoiding Accidents

In addition to keeping your lights and broadband on and saving money, keeping trees and power lines well away from each other can save lives. When they touch, it can cause the tree to catch on fire, and it can also create a fatal electrical shock for children climbing on or playing around the tree.

With so much at risk, Meriwether Lewis Electric Cooperative works hard to prevent these situations through a proactive vegetation management program.

Understandably, tree trimming and cutting as well as herbicide spraying, are sensitive issues. However, with so much at risk, it is easy to understand why vegetation management is so important. MLEC uses a variety of approved, environmentally sound methods. Our trimming practices are in accordance with the International Society of Arboriculture and the National Arbor Day Foundation recommended guidelines and standards for good tree health. Likewise, sprays utilized by MLEC contractors are registered with the Environmental Protection Agency and administered by licensed applicators.

To learn more, visit www.mlec.com or email us at power@mlec.com.



“Josh McDonald, MLEC System Vegetation Manager”

Keeping trees and power equipment a safe distance apart, helps ensure safe, affordable, reliable power and broadband. We know homeowners are not always in favor of cutting trees and spraying, but MLEC tries to educate, communicate and partner with our members to find a balance.

*For special situations where the property owner would like to take a more personal investment and agrees to **maintain** the right of way according to the required distance, options are available. (If interested, contact your local MLEC office as soon as possible. For 2023, the form must be signed and everything in place by **May 15.**)*



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