

ELKHORN RURAL PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT**POLICY #3320****TREE CONTROL POLICY**

PURPOSE: To control or eliminate the growth of trees into or near the electric power lines for the following purposes:

1. To eliminate a safety hazard.
 - A. Trees getting into energized power lines.
 - B. Children climbing trees near energized power lines.
2. To increase the reliability of the electric service to our consumers.
 - A. Eliminate untimely breaker trips during storms.
 - B. Provide better clearance for conductors during ice and snow buildup on lines.
3. To protect the electric system from financial losses due to following.
 - A. Trees blowing or falling into power lines and equipment.
 - B. Damage to consumer property through loss of conductors, etc.
 - C. Overtime service calls and complaints.

PROPOSED PLAN:

1. To continue to cut or trim larger trees and to spray small trees, cut stumps and bushy trees that will grow into the power lines or threaten the safe operation of the system.

PLANNED RESULTS:

1. To reduce the exposure to liability.
2. To provide a more reliable electric system.
3. To reduce losses in energy.
4. To reduce losses of electric system plant from wind and storms.
5. To reduce overtime pay losses and employee exposure to injury.

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