

TREES CAUSE MAJORITY OF POWER OUTAGES






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WHY DOES YOUR POWER PROVIDER PRUNE TREES?

Unobstructed power lines make it easier and safer for utility crews to repair or service lines.

Although most trees do not present a problem, some of them grow into or crowd power lines, poles or other utility equipment and cause service issues. Unruly and overgrown trees can:

-  **Cause outages.**
-  **Create fire hazards.**
-  **Break off and land on power lines.**
-  **Cause lights to flicker during high winds.**
-  **Get weighed down with ice and cause issues.**

Proper pruning techniques are used to preserve tree health, although sometimes a tree must be removed. This is a last resort, but it can be necessary if there are:

-  **Fast-growing trees directly under power lines.**
-  **Trees that are leaning into lines.**
-  **Trees that are declining, cracked or split.**

 Power companies prune trees to better serve you.