

**RIGHT PLACE** 



## **BENEFITS**

Properly placed trees and shrubs can provide shade and protection from the wind and help reduce heating and cooling costs.

## **OVERHEAD LINES**

If you live in an area with overhead power lines, tree height and distance from the power lines are major concerns. Use this brochure to identify the recommended trees and shrubs that work best for the locations where you are considering planting.

Trees planted within 25 feet of a power line should not exceed 20 feet in height at maturity. Trees taller than 20 feet at mature height should be planted 40 feet away (or greater) from overhead power lines.

You should never attempt to trim trees near power lines or hire a tree trimming contractor to work within 10 feet of energized power lines.

If you want to trim near overhead lines that run between a power pole and your home or other structure on your property, please call SRP at (602) 236-8888 to arrange for a temporary disconnection of service. Please call at least a day in advance of the anticipated tree trimming work and provide us with a daytime phone number.

## UNDERGROUND EQUIPMENT

If you have underground service, you may have a pad-mounted transformer in or near your yard. Trees and shrubs should not be planted within 3 feet of the sides and rear or within 12 feet of the front of underground equipment. Remember, somewhere in your yard there is a power line that runs from the transformer to your home.

Before you dig, call **Arizona 811**. They will mark the locations of the underground service lines in the area where you plan to dig and can help you avoid planting on top of an underground power line where tree roots may interfere. There is no charge for this service.

## TREES AND POWER LINES

Consider these power line-friendly trees when planting near overhead distribution lines:

Cascalote | Caesalpinia cacalaco

Mature height: 10-20 feet

Leather Leaf Acacia | Acacia craspedocarpa

Mature height: 15 feet Mastic | Pistacia lentiscus Mature height: 12-15 feet

Mexican Bird of Paradise | Caesalpinia mexicana

Mature height: 10-15 feet

Monk's Pepper | Vitex agnus-castus

Mature height: 10-15 feet Mulga | Acacia aneura Mature height: 12-16 feet

Purple Leaf Plum | Prunus cerasifera

Mature height: 20 feet

Pygmy Date Palm | Phoenix roebelenii

Mature height: 10-15 feet

Texas Mountain Laurel | Sophora secundiflora

Mature height: 10-15 feet

Yellow Tree Oleander | Thevetia peruviana

Mature height: 10-20 feet Xylosma | Xylosma congestum Mature height: 15-20 feet

This brochure provides basic information about which trees can be planted under or near overhead power lines. For more information, visit your local garden center or use one of the following resources:

srpnet.com/electric/trees.aspx

aztrees.org

treesaregood.org

