

Proper Planting

A Guide to Planting Around Power Lines and Electrical Equipment



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FKEC Vegetation Management

Florida Keys Electric Cooperative works year round to maintain line clearances and prevent outages caused by trees or branches. While the Co-op is required by law to maintain certain clearances we do practice natural tree trimming techniques and arborist cuts to maintain the trees health.

Natural pruning trains trees to grow around wires and retain more of their natural form. This results in healthier trees and less need for constant pruning; However, there are times when a tree or trees must be removed to ensure no interference with power lines and equipment. When such cases arise FKEC may offer the "Trade-a-Tree" program. In exchange for removing a problem tree the Co-op will plant a native tree somewhere on your property where it can not interfere with electrical equipment.

FKEC is committed to its comprehensive vegetation management program but also works hard to maintain the health of our community's trees. Home and business owners can help keep our community's lines clear and our trees healthy by planting the right tree in the right place. Please plant smart and consider your surrounding utility wires, poles, and underground equipment before planting.

For more information about the Trade-a-Tree program, FKEC's vegetation management or to make a tree trim request visit www.FKEC.com/FormService/vegetation-management.cfm

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As recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation, FKEC is a Tree Line USA utility... We practice a program of quality

tree care which meets arborist standards. We also do

annual training and provide community tree planting education. To request a proper planting presentation for your group, organization or school please contact FKEC

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