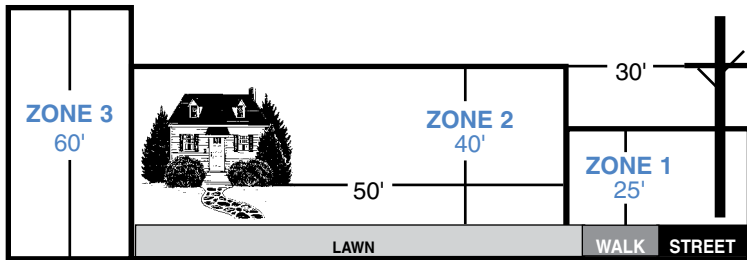


Look before you plant

Before you plant, give your new tree its best chance for a long, healthy life. Choose where you plant wisely, with careful thought for the future. Every tree has an approximate maturity height listed on it. When choosing a site for planting, think of how high your tree will grow. Will it disturb power lines? The roof of your home? Your neighbor's yard? Is it too close to a street or driveway? A tree planted in the wrong place could mean trouble later.

More than 80 percent of outages are caused by tree limbs during storms. With careful planning, you can help us avoid some of these outages and keep your lights and appliances operating. When planting a tree near power lines, follow the distance guidelines illustrated below. You might consider alternative vegetation such as shrubbery or smaller, flowering trees.

For more information on what type of vegetation you should plant to avoid interference with power lines, ask your nurseryman or county extension agent.



ZONE 3 –
Trees that
grow 60 feet.

ZONE 2 – Trees that
grow no taller than 40
feet.

ZONE 1 – Trees
that grow no taller
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-Louie

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