

# Why Does SEC Trim Trees?

Limbs that contact power lines can cause safety hazards and service outages. In order to provide our members with safe and reliable electricity, SEC trims trees that interfere with overhead utility lines.

SEC utilizes “directional pruning” when trimming trees. This practice protects tree health while directing future growth away from the power lines.

*Help avoid the need for utility tree pruning by planting trees where they will not grow into surrounding power lines.*

**For more information: [www.sec.coop/ROW](http://www.sec.coop/ROW)**



*Directional pruning encourages trees to grow away from power lines.*



*Trimming trees into rounded shapes causes rapid growth toward the lines.*