



## April is Earth Month

April is Earth Month, a time to raise environmental awareness and create consciousness around issues that affect the environment. Trees are beautiful and important, but they can also pose a significant risk to the safety and reliability of our electric system. Trees that are too close to power lines can cause power outages, fires and even electrocution. We want to work with you to ensure that trees are planted and maintained in a safe manner.

Here are some tips to help you plant and maintain trees safely around our electric utilities:

- 1. Plant trees at least 50 feet away from power lines.** This will help ensure that the tree will not come into contact with the power lines as it grows.
- 2. Choose the right type of tree.** Some species of trees are better suited for planting near power lines than others. Look for trees that have a smaller mature size, shorter branches, and slower growth rates.
- 3. Regularly trim trees near power lines.** If you already have trees near power lines, it's important to keep them trimmed to prevent contact with the power lines.

Call us if you see a tree that needs attention. If you notice a tree that is too close to a power line or is causing a safety hazard, please let us know immediately. We will work with you to resolve the issue as quickly and safely as possible.

## National Safe Digging Month



As the weather warms up, so do many outdoor landscaping or home improvement projects. April is National Safe Digging Month, a time to remind homeowners to always contact 811 before any digging begins. It's important to know where underground utilities are before starting any

projects that involve anything that goes into the ground. When you contact 811, utility companies come mark the location of the underground lines for free to prevent any damage and to keep you safe.

For more information or to submit an online locate request, visit [indiana811.org](http://indiana811.org).



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