



Dear Property Owner:

Duke Energy Electric Transmission is conducting transmission right of way maintenance in your area. Transmission lines are the backbone of Duke's electric system serving many thousands of customers. To provide safe, reliable service we routinely inspect and clear rights of ways of obstructions and vegetation-caused hazards.

As part of our Integrated Vegetation Management Program, the right of way applicable to your property is scheduled for maintenance. This work will be done in accordance with Duke's right of way agreement and includes:

- the cutting down of trees and shrubs within a specified corridor identified/described in the right of way agreement ; and
- the cutting down of any tree outside the identified/described right of way corridor, that is tall enough or will become tall enough during the maintenance cycle to contact conductors, structures or equipment should the tree fall, be cut or be blown toward the line(s). These are often referred to as "danger trees."
- In maintained areas, brush will be chipped and placed in an area designated by the property owner or removed from the site and disposed of; wood will be cut into manageable lengths and stacked at the edge of the right of way; stumps will be left also. In non-maintained areas, trees will be dropped into wooded areas or felled lengthwise along the edge of the right of way.

If danger trees are identified in a maintained area on your property, we use orange paint to mark the trees selected to be cut down. If you wish to replant trees in place of those cut down, we urge you to consider lower growing species that will never grow tall enough to endanger the lines. Enclosed is list of recommended species.

If you believe that one or more of the danger trees we have marked are not of sufficient height to endanger any wires or structures in the right of way, please contact us. We will have a representative reexamine the trees selected and make a further determination of whether the trees in question do constitute danger trees. Calls outside the normal business day can be directed to Duke Energy Corporation 24 hour Customer Service number 1-800-777-9898.

The only alternative to Duke Energy cutting down danger trees is for the property owner to continuously maintain trees to Duke Energy standards, at the property owner's expense. If you are interested in pursuing this option, or have other questions, please contact the name on the accompanying business card.

Additional information about Duke Energy's right-of-way program can be found at our Web site, [www.duke-energy.com](http://www.duke-energy.com). We appreciate your business and the opportunity to continue serving you.

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