

A GUIDE FOR PLANTING NEAR POWER LINES



Smart planting can help keep your yard beautiful and protect your electric service for years to come. The trees and shrubs you choose today can help prevent outages tomorrow.

The recommended tree and shrub species below are ideal for planting under or near distribution power lines as they add natural beauty without creating future issues with electric equipment. By selecting any of these lowgrowing, non-interfering plant options – and keeping taller trees at least 50 feet away from overhead lines – you can enjoy a healthy and beautiful landscape while supporting safe, reliable service for your home and community.



SMALL TREES (13'-25' IN HEIGHT)

- Blue Beech (*Carpinus caroliniana*)
- Musclewood (American hornbeam)
- Deciduous Winterberry Holly (*Ilex verticillata*)
- Flowering Dogwood (*Cornus florida*)
- Douglas Hawthorn (*Crataegus douglasii*)
- Techny Arborvitae (*Thuja occidentalis techny*)
- Woodwardii Arborvitae (*Thuja occidentalis woodwardii*)
- Eastern Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*)
- Canadian Serviceberry (*Amelanchier canadensis*)



LARGE SHRUBS (5'-13' IN HEIGHT)

- Red Chokeberry (*Pyrus arbutifolia*)
- Common Chokecherry (*Prunus virginiana*)
- Red Twig Dogwood (*Cornus sericea*)
- American Black Elderberry (*Sambucus canadensis*)
- Roseum Elegans Rhododendron (*Rhododendron catawbiense*)
- Smooth Sumac (*Rhus glabra*)
- Northern Spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*)
- Staghorn Sumac (*Rhus typhina*)
- Arrowwood Viburnum (*Viburnum dentatum*)
- American Witch-Hazel (*Hamamelis virginiana*)
- Northern Bush Honeysuckle (*Diervilla lonicera*)
- American Hazelnut (*Corylus americana*)
- Scrub Oak (*Quercus berberidifolia*)
- Speckled Alder (*Alnus incana*)
- Smooth Alder (*Alnus serrulate*)



SMALL SHRUBS (0'-5' IN HEIGHT)

- Canada Yew Ground Hemlock (*Taxus canadensis*)
- Blackberry (*Rubus allegheniensis*)
- Lowbush Blueberry (*Vaccinium angustifolium*)
- Black Huckleberry (*Gaylussacia baccata*)
- Meadowsweet (*Spirea alba*)
- Mountain Laurel (*Kalmia latifolia*)
- Black Raspberry (*Rubus occidentalis*)
- Sweetfern (*Comptonia peregrina*)
- Trailing Arbutus (*Epigaea repens*)
- American Wintergreen (*Gaultheria procumbens*)



PLUS...

ALL native grasses, ferns, wildflowers and herbaceous plants!

**ALWAYS CALL
BEFORE YOU DIG!**



Know what's below.
Call before you dig.

Remember, before any digging project – from landscaping to construction – you should always call 811 at least three business days ahead so that underground utilities like buried power lines can be safely marked to keep you, or your landscapers, safe.



Scan the QR code to learn more about planting the right tree in the right place.