

Tree Trimming

A tree that grows too close to the OH electrical lines will need to be trimmed to maintain a safe clearance of 3 m (10 ft). Tree trimming near power infrastructure must be completed by qualified utility arborists.

Should any property owner need to do work near the OH electrical infrastructure and these distances cannot be met, they should contact Essex Powerlines to discuss solutions.

Underground Clearance

When planting in the vicinity of Underground (UG) electrical infrastructure, the minimum clearance required from the edge of the root ball to the edge of the UG cables is 1 m (3 ft). This protects the electrical infrastructure, and reduces damage to the roots of the trees should Essex Powerlines need to access its equipment. If the minimum distance cannot be achieved, Essex Powerlines may require the installation of a root deflector against the root ball.

Locates

UG electrical infrastructure may be buried and can be at different depths. When planting a tree, a locate must be requested before digging.

Request a locate
Ontario One Call
1-800-400-2255
www.ontarioonecall.ca

Excavation

Tree planting and removal can involve deep excavation that has the potential to cause damage. The excavation method must protect the UG electrical infrastructure if within 1m (3 ft), i.e. hand, vacuum, or pneumatic tools, as approved by Essex Powerlines.

