

Powerline Right-of-Way Tree Clearing

Date: _____ Account #: _____

Member / Owner: _____

911 address of tree cutting: _____

If possible, please attach or email a corresponding photo to mlec@mlecmmn.net

The work for your service area will include clearing all trees (regardless of species) and brush under our power lines within the limits of our right-of-way. Previously, we allowed certain trees to remain within the right-of-way; however, this process has changed.

This change is necessary to ensure the safety and reliability of our electric system, and to maintain compliance with safety standards established by the National Electric Safety Code (NESC), adopted by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission through Administrative Rule 7826.0500 – Reliability Reporting and Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative’s board-approved policies.

For safety, reliability, and compliance to the NESC, we now will be removing most trees within the defined right-of-way and maintaining the right-of-way in this manner in the future. The primary line easements allow us to maintain 15 feet on either side of single-phase power lines and 20 feet on either side of the three-phase power lines. Secondary line easements are 10 feet on either side of the line, i.e. from the transformer pole to meter/yard pole.

A corridor of lesser dimension may be used in a “maintained yard” only if it is impractical or impossible to re-clear all of the trees, shrubs, and brush within the described right-of-way corridor. A “maintained yard” shall be one where the grass is mowed on a regular basis and in the immediate area of the member’s home, cabin, etc. The brush mower will not be used in this area.

If you have specific tree(s) in these types of areas you are concerned about, please mark these tree(s) with ribbon or spray paint. Please note any specific information – trim or cut down, how many trees, etc. If no specific instructions are given, the entire tree(s) will be cut down.

MLEC will not cut any trees hanging over structures, or any that are not endangering the power lines.

We will not schedule this work. Tree cutting and/or trimming will be completed as time permits.

I have read and understand the above statements and will not hold Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative responsible for any damages done to my property when the tree(s) is/are being cut. **I understand it is my responsibility to clean up after the tree cutting crew has cut and/or trimmed the tree(s).**

Date: _____ Property Owner Signature: _____

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Meter # _____ Reading _____ Completed By & Date _____

Meter # _____ Reading _____ Service Order # _____