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as members of an electric cooperative we  
all want are electrically powered

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gadgets to work when we want to use them  
we don't want to think about things like

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reliability or affordability or even  
safety we just want our gadgets to work

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period so what's the big deal

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well it's a big deal because your  
electric cooperative works hard to

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create and maintain a clear right away  
for your electric system what is a right

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of way that's the strip of land that  
your cooperative uses to construct

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maintain repair or replace overhead and  
underground electric lines that strip of

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land also allows your cooperative to  
provide clearance from trees shrubs and

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other vegetation that could interfere  
with the proper operation of the

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electric system as electric cooperative  
members there are several benefits for a

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properly maintained right of way  
seasonal storms bring a variety of

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whether to our area high winds and heavy  
ice buildup on trees that extend over a

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power line hit me in trouble

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not only can those high winds blow over power poles they also sway tree limbs

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causing them to come into contact with power lines and that heavy ice buildup

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we all know the damage and destruction it causes an effective vegetation

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management program along with the cooperative's right of way will help

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improve Electric Reliability for you and your neighbors along with keeping your

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gadgets powered reliably thousands of electric cooperative employees work hard

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every day to keep costs down part of those Costco toward maintaining the

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right of way and overgrown tree that is too close to power lines can be costly

0:02:08.920,0:02:15.530

during major power restoration efforts as these costs increase so do your

0:02:15.530,0:02:20.780

electric rates cost control and reliability are not the only benefits of

0:02:20.780,0:02:26.370

an effective vegetation management program the most important benefits for

0:02:26.370,0:02:32.660

members is safety your safety around our power lines is the top priority for

0:02:32.660,0:02:38.190

electric cooperatives trees that grow too close to a power line create a

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potentially deadly situation they  
provide a path for someone to climb into

0:02:43.700,0:02:45.160

the danger zone

0:02:45.160,0:02:52.810

keeping a clear right away also helps  
reduce the potential for fire trees

0:02:52.810,0:02:55.810

provide many benefits to our quality of  
life

0:02:56.319,0:03:01.340

they provide shade beautiful colors

0:03:03.120,0:03:06.120

the playground

0:03:06.770,0:03:10.100

memories of a loved one

0:03:10.100,0:03:16.150

excessive trimming or even removal of  
one of these trees can create sorrow in

0:03:16.150,0:03:21.180

an effort to properly manage vegetation  
along powerline rights of way your

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electric cooperative works with  
certified barbarous who have extensive

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education and professional tree care  
these experts examined every situation

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to determine the best course of action

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our goal is to properly maintain  
vegetation along the right of way for

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the reliable operation of the electric  
system to keep your costs as low as

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possible and most importantly to keep  
you as safe as possible

0:03:50.980,0:03:57.310

your local electric cooperative urges  
you to plan before you plant contact

0:03:57.310,0:04:01.410

them today about the proper locations  
and clearances for all your trees and

0:04:01.410,0:04:01.850

shrubs