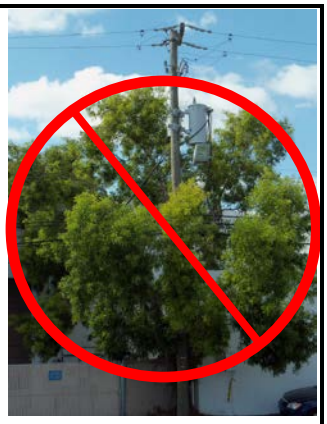
PLANT THE RIGHT TREE IN THE RIGHT PLACE



The 2005 hurricane season is long past but, if you lived here at that time, you may remember the toppled trees that caused interruptions in electric service. When adding to your landscaping by planting trees, it's important to consider the ultimate mature size of the tree and also its location relative to overhead and underground utility lines. The location of these lines should determine the kind of tree to plant and site selection.

The following evergreen trees would be suitable for planting adjacent to overhead power lines in South Florida:

	Growth Rate	**Maturity Height x Spread**
Florida Thatch Palm	Slow	6-15' x 20-30'
Geiger Tree	Slow	15-20' x 20'
Glaucous Cassia	Moderate	15-20' x 15-20'
Silver Buttonwood	Moderate	15-20' x 20-30'
Spanish Stopper	Slow to Moderate	15-20' x 15'

Here's a list of some large canopy trees that need more space. If you plant a canopy tree on your property, please follow these guidelines:

	Maturity Height x Spread	**Setback from Power Lines**
Bald Cypress	60-80' x 25-30'	30'
Brazilian Beautyleaf	30-45' x 30-50'	30'
Green Buttonwood	30-40' x 20-30'	30'
Gumbo Limbo	25-40' x 35-50'	30'
Jacaranda	35-40' x 45-60'	30'
Live Oak	60-80' x 60-120'	30'
Mahogany	50' x 50'	30'
Paradise Tree	30-50' x 30'	30'
Pigeon Plum	20-40' x 20-30'	20'
Pink Trumpet Tree	25-35' x 15-25'	20'
Royal Poinciana	25-40' x 50-60'	30'
Satinleaf	25-40' x 25'	30'
South Florida Slash Pine	35-50' x 30-40'	30'
Wild Tamarind	40-60' x 45'	30'

Make sure there are no buried wires before digging in the spot for your new tree. Residents are asked to call Sunshine State One Call at **811** before digging in an area with underground services. Within 2 full business days of notice, utility representatives will inspect the property to locate and mark any buried wires. There is no charge for this service.

Also please keep in mind that, although a tree canopy over a road is beautiful, property owners are required to keep trees trimmed so that the lowest branches are at least 13'6" above the road. This clearance is necessary for garbage and fire truck access.

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Visit **www.FPL.com/residential/trees** *for a list of FPL qualified tree contractors who can help you maintain your trees and keep them clear of power lines.*