

*Your Safety Matters*

**Check surroundings and equipment before trimming bushes and trees**

Summer and fall are key seasons when homeowners often trim overgrown trees and bushes, so put safety first if you attempt to do these jobs on your own.

If you trim trees, survey the area around you for power lines. Do not work or use tools within 10 feet of power lines.

Electricity can arc from power line to tool resulting in electrical injury.

Remember, a cut tree limb can fall on power lines risking electrocution, and a falling limb can also easily injure you or someone below unless proper precautions are taken.

For safety, it's wise to hire a professional to trim trees instead of doing it yourself.

And if you need to trim bushes, never use electric hedge trimmers in damp or rainy weather to avoid the risk of electric shock. Make sure the cord is behind an operating hedge trimmer to avoid cutting into it.

Be extremely cautious when repairing electrical cords or sockets. Incorrectly rewiring outlets or equipment can be fatal.

Check electrical cords for damage before plugging into an electrical socket. Also, keep chainsaw and trimmer blades sharp and in excellent condition.

To protect your eyes and hands, remember to wear safety glasses and gloves.

Inter-County Energy wants you to be safe when trimming bushes and trees. Be alert and stay safe.