

# Tree Trimming Policy

1. In all trimming operations performed on BVU rights-of-way, BVU and its tree crews will utilize the best pruning method for proper clearance.
2. A minimum of eight feet of clear space in any direction from BVU overhead conductors, including communication cables, will result after final trimming and right-of-way clearing.
3. In lieu of recurring trimming operations and periodic maintenance, BVU will place an emphasis on tree removal(s). For removals, the property owner must sign a permission form to allow the tree work to be completed.
4. In the process of tree removal, BVU will grind the tree stump. However, the customer will be responsible for ground chips.
5. In exchange for the removal of a rapid-growing tree that is endangering BVU overhead power lines or communications cables, BVU can provide and install an approved tree\* at a location that is acceptable to both BVU and the property owner.
6. At their own expense, customers may arrange for a professional independent contractor who is insured and certified to work near high-voltage lines to remove trees on their property in lieu of BVU performing the same services where a tree is a threat to BVU's overhead power lines if neither trimmed or removed.
7. BVU will trim only the area around low voltage service wires at our discretion. However, in the interest of safety and with prior arrangement, BVU may de-energize the lines and temporarily lower them to allow the customer to trim or remove trees. BVU will reconnect the service line once the customer has finished at no charge during BVU's normal business hours.

## Approved Trees:

- White Dogwood
- Pink Dogwood
- Kousa Dogwood
- White Pansy Redbud
- Forest Pansy Redbud
- Bloodgood Japanese Maple
- Trident Maple
- Skip Laurel
- Crepe Myrtle (colors available)
- Emerald Green Arborvitae
- Nellie R. Stevens Holly
- Oak Leaf Holly