

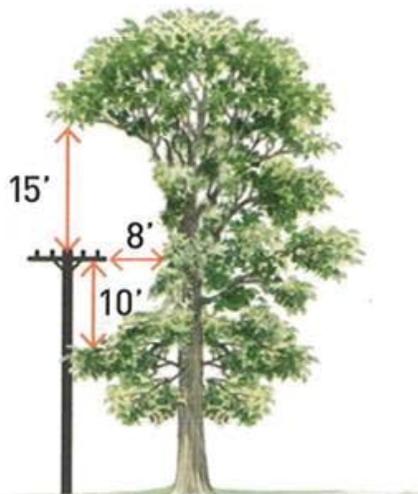
## Routine Maintenance Tree Work

### Tree Trimming Helps Prevent Outages

- The goal of Eversource's Routine Maintenance Tree Work is to prevent power outages by removing branches and trees that are either too close to power lines, or pose a risk of falling on power lines.
- All work is performed in accordance with professional tree care industry standards and best practices.

### Clearance Specifications

- Specifications are 15 feet above utility equipment, 10 feet below and 8 feet to the side. Tall-growing trees under power lines are selectively removed.
- Branches are cut according to national standards to reduce harm to the tree and limit re-sprouting; limbs are removed at main branching points or the main trunk.



### Risk Trees

- Hazardous or “risk” trees are those that can fall on or contact power lines and cause an outage.
- Tree work professionals determine a tree’s risk potential based on its species, location, health and structural composition.
- Eversource arborists prioritize the removal of risk trees to minimize their ability to cause an outage. If a tree must be removed, it is cut as low to the ground as possible.

**A hazardous tree is any tree or part of a tree that is dead, extensively decayed or structurally weak, which, if it falls, would endanger utility infrastructure, facilities or equipment.**