

VEGETATION MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

As part of a carefully controlled annual cycle, Endeavour Energy employs qualified staff and contractors specifically trained to manage the vegetation growing close to and underneath power lines.

Trimming trees, shrubs and plants

Trimming trees, shrubs and plants is an essential part of maintaining a safe and reliable electricity supply. It is important that a safe distance be maintained between power lines and surrounding trees and shrubs. Where possible, branches are carefully trained to grow away from power lines and correct pruning to the nearest branch collar or growth point is applied to enhance the health of the trees. However, in some cases it may be more appropriate for us to remove large trees and shrubs, allowing councils to replant more suitable species.

Your property

Most of the time the nature strip outside your property will provide adequate access for Endeavour Energy to trim roadside trees, shrubs and plants to meet our obligations to provide a safe and reliable supply of electricity. However, we may need to trim over your property line or go onto your property if for instance, a tree from your property has grown into the safe clearance space around power lines in the street. This work is normally carried out for customers free of charge. However, any other trimming of trees, shrubs and plants required on private property to maintain safety clearances around the electricity service line, which runs from the roadside power pole outside your property, is generally the responsibility of the owner or occupier.



Bushfire maintenance

Some parts of NSW are classified as more prone to the dangers of bushfires. In these areas Endeavour Energy has a program in place to minimise bushfire risk. This program aims to reduce the amount of combustible fuel around power poles and under power lines. It also ensures safety clearance distances are kept between bushland vegetation, power lines and other network assets. Trees or large shrubs should not be planted beneath overhead power lines and these areas should also be kept free of combustible materials in these high risk localities.

Did you know?

Many blackouts are caused from trees and shrubs damaging power lines and other network assets, especially during storms and periods of high winds.

Ask a professional

Never attempt to trim trees or other vegetation near power lines yourself. Always call a qualified professional.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

To ensure a safe and reliable electricity supply, Endeavour Energy is responsible for keeping trees and other vegetation away from the electricity network owned by Endeavour Energy. But there are some simple things you can also do to help us and yourself.

Five things to remember

- 01** Be sure to get local council advice and approval before planting any type of trees, shrubs or plants on the nature strip that will not exceed 3.5 metres.
- 02** Always check the mature height of new plants before you buy them. Plant only grass or shrubs that will not exceed 3.5 metres directly under power lines.
- 03** Prevent climbing plants from growing around the service line or the connection point into your property. Nor should plants grow within one metre of the insulated service line from the street mains to your home.
- 04** Look out for trees that touch or overhang power lines, and call Endeavour Energy on **131 003** immediately!
- 05** If you're a property owner/occupier, it is your responsibility to keep trees and vegetation away from the electricity service line. In rural or bushfire prone districts we also ask that you keep areas under and near power lines and other network assets free of combustible materials.

YOUR SAFETY IS OUR PRIORITY

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The natural abundance of plants and trees is one of the great things about living in NSW. But at times it can also present challenges when it comes to providing you with a safe and reliable electricity supply.

To protect you and your environment, the law requires that vegetation management is undertaken to maintain a safe distance between power lines, trees, shrubs and plants.

Every year Endeavour Energy undertakes a vegetation maintenance program, ensuring the continued safety and reliability of our network for local families, households and businesses.

This brochure highlights some of the ways we're doing this, plus a few things you can also do to help.

SAFETY EXCELLENCE

IN EMERGENCIES CALL 131 003

24 hours a day, 7 days a week

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If you have any questions about what you should do to stay safe around damaged power lines and other electrical infrastructure please call 131 081 or visit us at www.endeavourenergy.com.au

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