

Month, Date, Year

Dear I&M customer,

Indiana Michigan Power is dedicated to providing you electric service that is safe, reliable and efficient. Trees that are too close to power lines can cause public hazards, widespread power interruption including damage to consumer appliances and damage to the lines themselves. A part of the routine maintenance we do to maximize public safety and to minimize the inconvenience of service interruptions is to make sure that the area around our power lines is clear of tree growth.

Soon a tree care company contracted by I&M will be in your neighborhood to inspect the lines and evaluate the degree of clearing that is necessary. A forestry planner may place a mark on the trunk of a tree to indicate the work he or she believes is necessary to maintain a safe clearance. A planner will make every reasonable attempt to talk directly with property owners about work that is planned on or near the property. If no one is home, a door hanger is left behind explaining the markings and the degree of work that needs to be done.

We encourage you to call the number on the door hanger or I&M's Customer Support Center at 1-800-311-6424 if you have questions about the planned maintenance. **You should never attempt to trim or remove trees near power lines. Serious or fatal injuries could result.**

I&M understands the importance of a healthy community forest. That's why we are pleased to offer information that helps our customers make informed choices when it comes to choosing the right tree for the right place. This information, and our brochure "Understanding Line Clearing Efforts", is available by calling the number above or by visiting our website at IndianaMichiganPower.com.

I&M is also working with Township officials to insure appropriate communication about this work takes place. Barry Visel, I&M community relations manager, will be present at the Lincoln Charter Township board meeting June 12th to discuss the purpose of this work and answer questions.

By working together, we can enjoy the natural beauty that trees bring to our community while protecting the lines that deliver the electricity we depend on every day to enjoy a high quality of life.

Sincerely,

David S. Isaacson
Supervisor
I&M Forestry