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# Planting Around Power Lines

## Steps to planting around power lines:

1. Call Blue Stakes before digging ANY hole big enough to plant a tree.
2. Look UP! If there are power lines overhead, you will want to select a tree or shrub that will not interfere. Also realize that a maintenance vehicle or person will eventually need access to it.
3. Consider the plants' natural height, width and root structure, as well as the amount of upkeep YOU plan on doing. Maintaining a certain height for a tree can be a huge task. Some root systems are very invasive and can ruin underground power lines and water lines, including irrigation systems (i.e. Quaking Aspen and Poplars).
4. If you need help, don't be afraid to ask a professional. Garden centers and the extension service are excellent resources.

**\*\*Below are some trees to consider for planting under power lines\*\***

### Small Trees (6'-10')

Rose of Sharon (Patio Tree)  
Cistena Plum (Patio Tree)  
Dwarf Japanese Maple  
Butterfly Bush (Patio Tree)  
Lilac (Patio Tree)  
Hydrangea (Patio Tree)

### Medium to Small Trees (8'-15')

Globe Catalpa  
Magnolia Tree  
Globe Spruce (Patio Tree)  
Fat Albert Blue Spruce  
Golden Rain Tree  
Thundercloud Plum  
Paul's Scarlet Hawthorn  
Eastern Redbud  
Bechtel Crabapple  
Bradford Pear

### Weeping Trees

Weeping Mulberry  
Weeping Cherry  
Weeping pussy Willow  
Weeping Crab  
Weeping Blue Atlas Cedar

### Trees to avoid (height, roots, or pruning issues)

Chinese Elm  
Tree of Heaven  
Catalpa  
Russian Olive  
Blue Spruce  
Austrian Pine  
Norway Maple  
Crimson King Maple  
Tulip Tree  
London Plane Tree  
Hybrid Poplar  
Shademaster Locust  
Redmond Linden  
Green Spire Linden  
Fruitless Mulberry  
Skyline Locust  
Bur Oak  
Green Ash  
Quaking Aspen