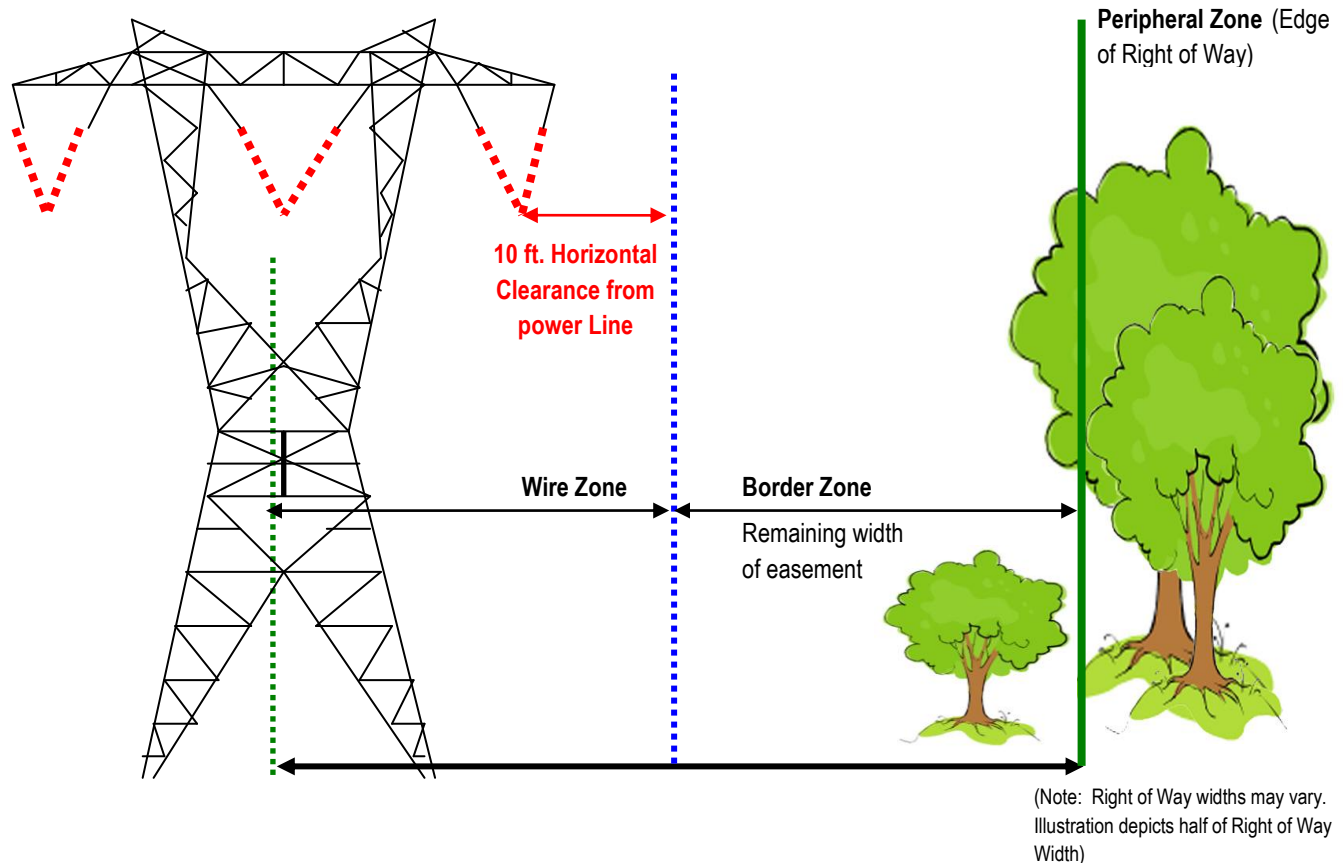


DUKE ENERGY MIDWEST PLANTING ZONE GUIDELINES



Transmission Right-of-Way Zones¹

Wire Zone – Zones extend ten feet (10') beyond the outermost conductor.

Border Zone – Zones extend from the edge of the Wire Zone to the outside edge of the right-of-way. Border Zones are located on both sides of the rights-of-way.

Peripheral Zone – Zones outside the Right of Way and are adjacent to Border Zones.

¹The term "right-of-way" or "rights-of-way" is intended to reference the easement rights granted to Duke Energy. Actual zone sizes may vary based upon the particular right-of-way.

Guidelines for Landscaped Areas

Duke Energy Midwest will not object to certain vegetation plantings in landscaped areas as long as they do not interfere with the access to existing structures or the safe and reliable operation and maintenance of the electric line. Written approval by Duke Energy for all plantings is required.

- Inside the "Wire Zone" – Duke Energy Midwest objects to plants, shrubs and trees within the wire zone. Consideration may be given for situations that Duke Energy deems appropriate. Written approval from Duke Energy is required. (See diagram above)
- Inside the "Border Zone" – Duke Energy Midwest does not object to species of plants, shrubs and trees that will not exceed 15 feet in height at maturity. Written approval from Duke Energy is required. (See diagram above).

- See list for recommended trees and shrub plantings at <http://www.duke-energy.com/pdfs/M-10028RecommendedTreeandShrubList1208.pdf>
- c. Inside the “Peripheral Zone” – Duke Energy Midwest recommends that customers select low-growing trees that will not exceed 40 feet in height at maturity.
- d. Duke Energy may exercise the right to cut “danger trees” outside the Rights of Way limits as granted by the Right of Way agreement and as required to properly maintain and operate the transmission line.

In All Areas

Trees and shrubs that are within 20 feet of the power line at the maximum peak load and weather conditions, including clearance distances for line sag and sway, create an outage risk. When this situation is identified, Duke Energy will attempt to notify the impacted customer, but may take immediate action if trees cannot be pruned to appropriate levels and must be removed (by Duke Energy).

For additional information or to schedule an appointment with a Duke Energy representative, call - 1-800-544-6900 or visit our web site at:

<http://www.duke-energy.com/safety/right-of-way-management/ohio-kentucky-indiana.asp>

All of the guidelines described above are intended to generally summarize vegetation management activities relative to the transmission system. These guidelines are not intended to be, and they shall not be construed as, a waiver, restriction, limitation, or reduction of any and all legal rights of Duke Energy and/or property owners. These guidelines may be modified by Duke Energy as necessary for the safe, efficient, and reliable operation of its system. Duke Energy will use its best efforts to notify property owners of any guideline modifications.