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How Far is Far Enough?

Federal and state laws require workers and equipment to stay at least **10 feet away** from power lines up to 50,000 volts, and farther away for higher voltage lines.

If you are conducting timber harvesting or road construction within **100 feet** of overhead utility lines, contact the local utility in accordance with ORS 757.805, Oregon's Overhead Safety Act, and OAR 437-007-0230, Power Line Safeguards.

Identifying Power Poles and Underground Lines

Each utility has an ID code on its poles and underground transformers. These will tell your utility exactly where you are working.

Call the Oregon Utility Notification Center at **811** at least two business days before starting timber harvesting, road construction or any other activities involving excavation that may affect an underground utility line. The center will coordinate with the appropriate utilities to locate underground lines that may affect your activities.



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Safe Logging Begins With You!

*Contact Consumers Power Inc.
before logging, reforestation
or excavation around power lines*



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Working Together

As soon as you inform Consumers Power Inc. of your intended work activity, you are taking the first step to ensure your safety and the safety of your crews. When and where necessary, the following can then occur:

- Temporary de-energizing and grounding of lines.
- Temporary raising or moving of lines.
- Coordination of work schedules.

Failure to Comply

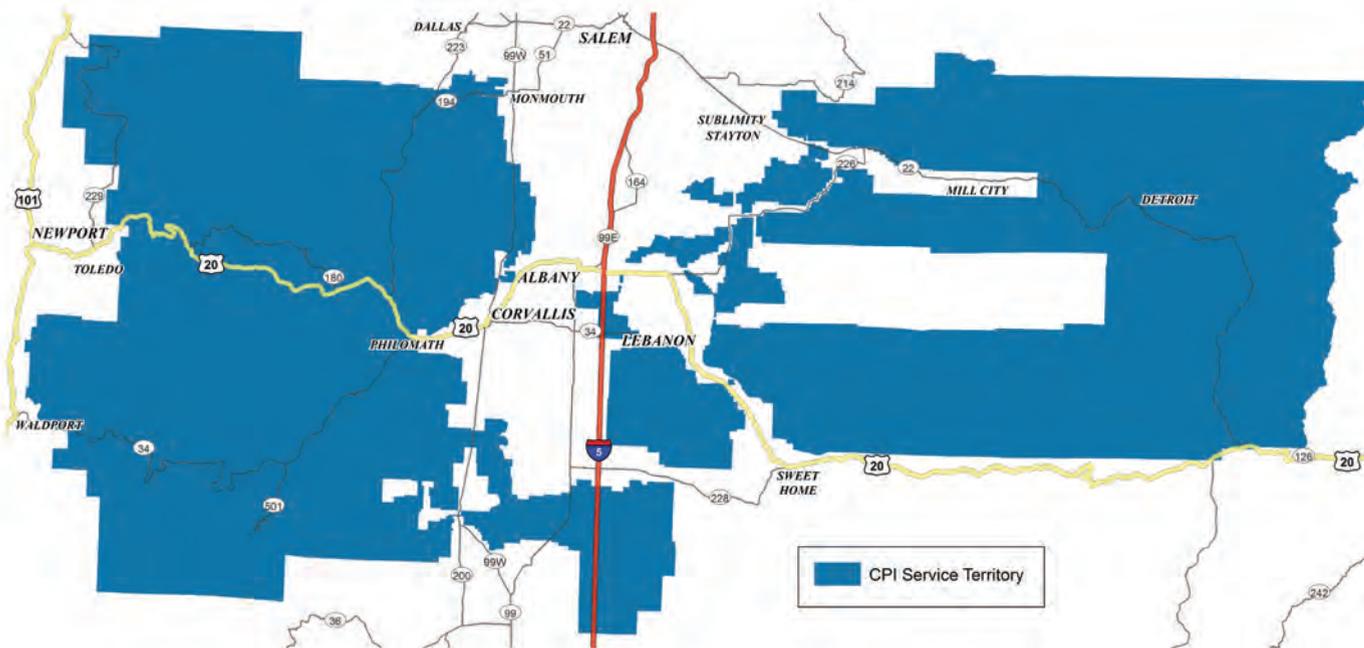
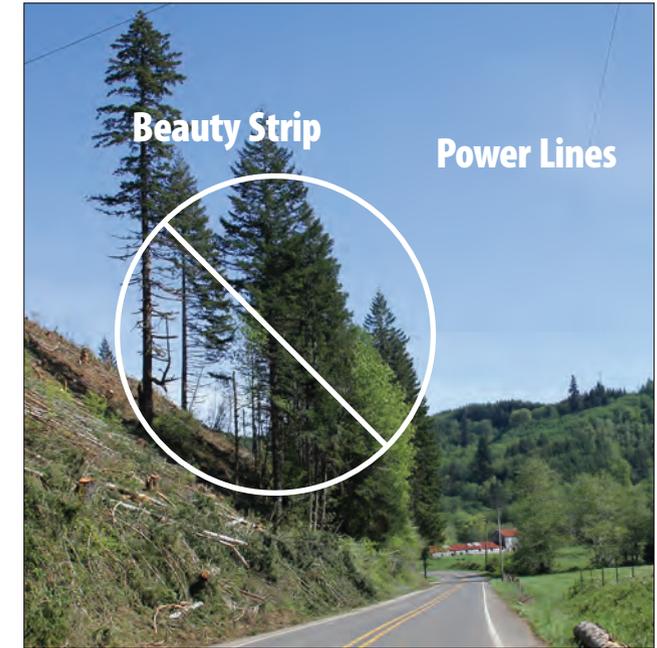
Any party working within **10 feet** of an overhead line without notifying the utility and establishing required safety precautions will be responsible for all financial consequences of an electrical accident. Failure to comply with this rule carries a penalty of up to \$70,000 for each offense, in addition to the cost of injuries and repairs.

Power Line Safety

- **Overhead power lines are not insulated!** Treat all power lines as energized.
 - Always look for the presence of power lines before site preparation and harvest operations.
 - Whenever power lines are present, contact CPI first—especially when establishing new roads or landings. CPI will have a representative meet with you to discuss and verify all required clearances to power lines.
 - Never climb or attempt to fall trees that have limbs caught in power lines.
 - If a tree has the potential to reach a power line, it should be directionally felled away from the line. If a tree falls into a power line, STOP! Stay clear and call CPI.
 - Maintain required clearances between equipment and power lines. If equipment comes into contact with a power line, stay on the equipment until help arrives. Keep others away.
 - If a fire starts from an electrical contact or a downed power line, follow your company's procedures and notify CPI when safe to do so. Stay clear of power lines.

Danger Tree Prevention

Trees along buffer strips can be hazardous to power lines. They may be unstable and can fall during wind storms causing power outages. We can work with ODF or ODOT to help eliminate leave trees and beauty strips.



Site Prep and Reforestation

- Keep power line rights-of-way clear for access.
 - Do not pile and burn slash on rights-of-way.
 - Do not plant seedlings inside the rights-of-way.



Contact CPI at **(541) 929-8624** for information regarding right-of-way widths and maintenance requirements.