



Sac Osage Electric Cooperative

News

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Can you spot the power line through the trees?

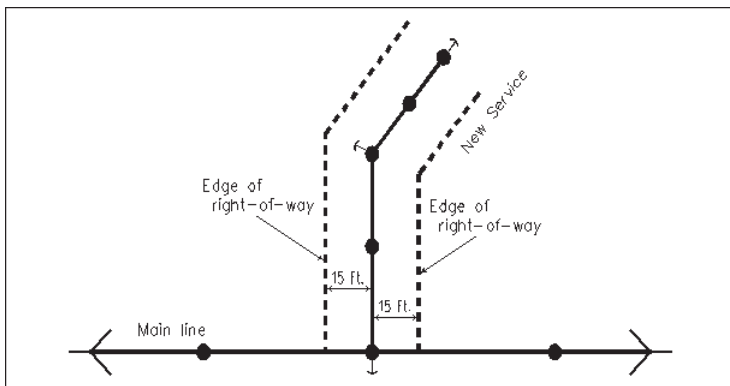
Clearing Right of Way is a Key to Reliability

The major cause of most power outages is damage to power lines due to falling trees and branches. Clearing right of way is a time consuming and hazardous job. Over 1 million dollars a year is expended on right of way maintenance. The cooperative would like to see a five-year rotation on clearing the entire service area, but the cost is prohibitive. Maintaining right of way is a never ending concern to provide reliable service to Sac Osage members.

Since May 2014 crews have cleared the main lines from the following substations: Arcola, Bona, Cedar Springs, Damascus, El Dorado Springs, Lockwood, Mt. Zion, Taberville, and Walker. Crews are currently clearing Iconium with Collins and Osceola coming next. Then it will be time for the process to start all over again.

RIGHT-OF-WAY CLEARING GUIDE FOR NEW SERVICE

Right-of-way should be completely cleared of trees and stumps 15 feet wide SKY HIGH on both sides of proposed line to be constructed. Trees should also be cut where anchors are needed. Stumps should be cut as low to ground as possible. The new service cannot be constructed if trucks cannot maneuver into position. The following diagram and photo should provide guidance for a properly cleared right-of-way. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Cooperative at 800-876-2701.



Right of way contractors work high in the sky to clear overhead line of branches in the Iconium area.



Win a Free Trip to Washington DC



Attention High School Juniors

Every year electric cooperatives in Missouri sponsor contests to select delegates to the annual Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. These fortunate high school students represent their local cooperative on a whirlwind tour of the nation's capital. They tour museums, visit America's most cherished monuments and even meet their elected officials. All the while they are learning about electric cooperatives and their role in the community.

Sac Osage also sponsors students for the Cooperative Youth Conference and Leadership Experience (CYCLE). The CYCLE program is a three day conference held in Jefferson City in late July. It brings in some of the brightest young leaders from across Missouri. The focus is to show students more about electric cooperatives, teach leadership skills and experience Missouri state government. The program includes nationally known speakers and a day at the state Capitol. There is also time for some fun things like an outdoor barbeque and a hypnotist. The group is also divided up into smaller teams that compete in various events like the "build a cooperative" game.

To be a part of the 2020 Youth Tour, high school juniors in the Sac Osage Electric Cooperative area can start by filling out a simple application. The application can be found on our website (<https://www.sacosage.com/content/youth-tour>) or picked up at Sac Osage headquarters. Please call Aaron or Janna at 800-876-2701 for more information.



2019 Youth Tour Winners were Nehemiah Simmons and Abigail Klaiber



2019 CYCLE winners were Taten Janes and Laney Long

Electrical Safety Education Opportunity

Sac Osage wants to make you aware of our free educational offering. We would love to visit your group with our presentation and interactive display. We cover three main areas in the 40 minute presentation.

Safety:

- Watch out for power lines
- What to do in case of an electrical accident
- Fire prevention
- Storm Safety

Efficiency:

- Why do CFL's make cents?
- What can everyone do to save energy?
- Why do we need to make energy conservation a priority?

Generation:

- What's a watt?
- Where does energy come from?
- What does it take to power everyday household items?

We use a power point presentation with pictures and video for the safety and energy efficiency and the Energy Bike to talk about generation and give the kids a chance to interact. The format can be changed to fit your timing and space needs.

To schedule a time please contact Aaron Ash or Janna Dody at 1-800-876-2701 or by e-mail: aash@sacosage.com or jdody@sacosage.com. We hope you will take advantage of this free service that we are eager to provide to our communities.

