

# “You need me if your trees are too close to powerlines.”

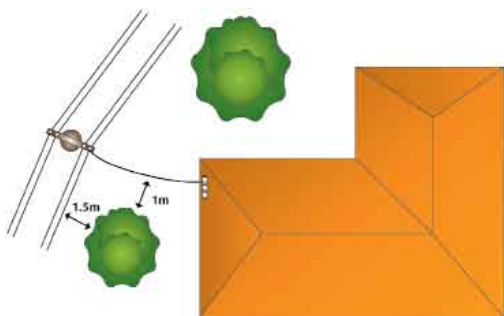
ActewAGL-accredited tree surgeon

Trees and vegetation growing too close to powerlines and other utility infrastructure can cause blackouts, create safety hazards such as grass fires and bushfires, and increase the risk of electrocution. Trees and vegetation can also restrict access to utility infrastructure, preventing essential maintenance from being carried out.

Utility infrastructure includes powerlines, power poles, meters, substations, mini pillars and underground cables.

In most cases the minimum clearance of trees and vegetation from powerlines and utility infrastructure is 1.5 metres. For higher voltage powerlines the minimum clearances increases. If you are not sure of the voltage of powerlines, call ActewAGL’s technical enquiries number on 6248 3555.

**In the event that you experience an electricity outage, overhead powerlines should continue to be treated as live and considered unsafe for tree-trimming.**



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To obtain ActewAGL’s *Trees, powerlines and safety brochure* or for more information, including a list of businesses that employ ActewAGL-accredited tree surgeons, call 6248 3555 or visit [www.actewagl.com.au/safety/powerlines](http://www.actewagl.com.au/safety/powerlines)



## Three important things to remember

- Land owners and occupiers are obliged to keep trees and other vegetation clear of powerlines and utility infrastructure.
- Only ActewAGL-accredited tree surgeons are authorised to work in close proximity to powerlines.
- Trees and vegetation growing near powerlines and utility infrastructure must not come within the minimum clearances. Please see the *Trees, powerlines and safety* brochure for more information.

## Use ActewAGL-accredited tree surgeons

Only ActewAGL-accredited tree surgeons are authorised to work in close proximity to powerlines. Many ActewAGL-accredited tree surgeons can trim trees without having to shutdown the electricity supply. However where it is necessary to shutdown the electricity supply, ActewAGL charges a fee to land occupiers. If more than one tree-clearing job is completed under the same outage, the charge will be apportioned between the relevant land occupiers.

For your own safety, hire a professional to trim trees too close to powerlines.



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