



The removal of danger trees and leaning trees will be considered. ROW will be cleared up to and including 20 feet either side of the pole, and may be cleared ground to sky. Please communicate and clearly mark survey pins, markers or other privately owned facilities situated in the ROW work zone.

Safety First

Trees and brush contain water, making them electrical conductors. Contact with electrical conductors can be fatal. A spark from trees or brush touching power lines can cause fires, especially during dry weather.



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

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Barron Electric's Right-of-Way Clearing Program



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Keeping the Lines Clear

The Right-of-Way (ROW) Clearing Program helps reduce contact between trees and power lines. Trees and vegetation growing into the right-of-way can:

- Cause power outages and lights to blink
- Block access for maintenance and repairs
- Waste electricity by drawing it to the ground
- Become a fire and safety hazard

Contractors clear trees and brush in sixty-one townships on a rotational schedule every five to six years. This may include mechanical chopping, hand-cutting and side-trimming.

No chemicals are used.

Cutting and trimming is done by trained, professional utility tree trimmers. Only primary lines are cleared, which supply power to the transformer that serves your location. Trees by secondary wires are trimmed by Barron Electric crews during routine line patrol. If you have any concerns with trees or branches that need immediate attention, please e-mail our office at operations@barronelectric.com.

A clear right-of-way improves power quality, reliability and safety.



If you have trees growing into power lines, contact Barron Electric Cooperative at operations@barronelectric.com or 800-322-1008. Never try to cut or trim them yourself.

Abandoned Fences

The cooperative encourages members to remove abandoned fences, thereby reducing the additional costs associated with hand-clearing. Our crews will make every effort to avoid damage to maintained fences, within right-of-ways, and make repairs when damage occurs. However, if fences in the ROW are not routinely maintained by property owners, Barron Electric and contractors representing Barron Electric cannot accept the responsibility of fence repair due to age and normal deterioration.



What Happens to the Cut Wood and Chips?

Logs are the property of the landowner. Branches and small debris are left to decompose where they are cut. In maintained yards, branches and small debris are chipped and removed unless otherwise requested by the member, or prearrangements for removal are made with the member.

Can Power Lines be Buried?

In some situations, overhead power lines may be reconstructed underground for a fee. Contact the cooperative regarding costs, easements, and other requirements.