

### WARNING!

EWEB will remove excess vegetation in the clear zone during switching operations or emergency conditions. Excessive vegetation removal can result in a billing to the property owner, and will extend outage times delaying power restoration.

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## 1.0 SCOPE

1.1 This standard is to inform Eugene Water & Electric Board (EWEB) customers about the requirements for vegetation adjacent to underground electrical device.

# 2.0 PURPOSE

2.1 When this standard is adhered to, EWEB will be able to operate and maintain its equipment quickly and safely. This means better reliability for customers.

## 3.0 VEGETATION CLEAR ZONES

3.1 The **VEGETATION CLEAR ZONE** is typically the landscaping around electrical equipment. It is also the area adjacent to electrical and communication equipment that needs to be kept clear for EWEB electrical crews to work safely and efficiently.

#### VEGETATION NOT ACCEPTABLE

3.2 Shrubs, trees and any structures such as buildings, fences, mail boxes, rockeries, berms or decks that would extend into the clearance area. Also, take care that bark, sod, mulch and other landscape materials don't cover any electrical devices or enclosures.

#### **ACCEPTABLE VEGETATION**

3.3 Grass, gravel and low-growing ground covers.

### 4.0 PLANTING TIPS

- 4.1 Don't change grade levels around utility devices.
- 4.2 Allow room for plants to grow and mature.
- 4.3 Remember to keep all the utility equipment accessible for service at all times.
- 4.4 Never dispose of liquids through grates of below-grade transformers.

### **5.0 FOR MORE INFORMATION**

- 5.1 **Call (541) 685-7000** ask for EWEB's Tree Trimming Department for more information on acceptable plants and clearances.
- 5.2 **Call (800) 332-2344** to contact the Oregon Utility Notification Center to have all local utilities located and contacted free of charge.

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