

811 – Call Before You Dig

Every digging project, whether large or small, requires you to call **Sunshine State One** at **811** or **800-432-4770** to determine where underground pipes and electric lines are located. Law requires diggers to call this number at least two days before you start digging, whether it's a project involving heavy equipment or a simple backyard landscaping job.

TREE TRIMMING

If you notice a tree interfering with power lines, please contact us immediately.

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OR CALL
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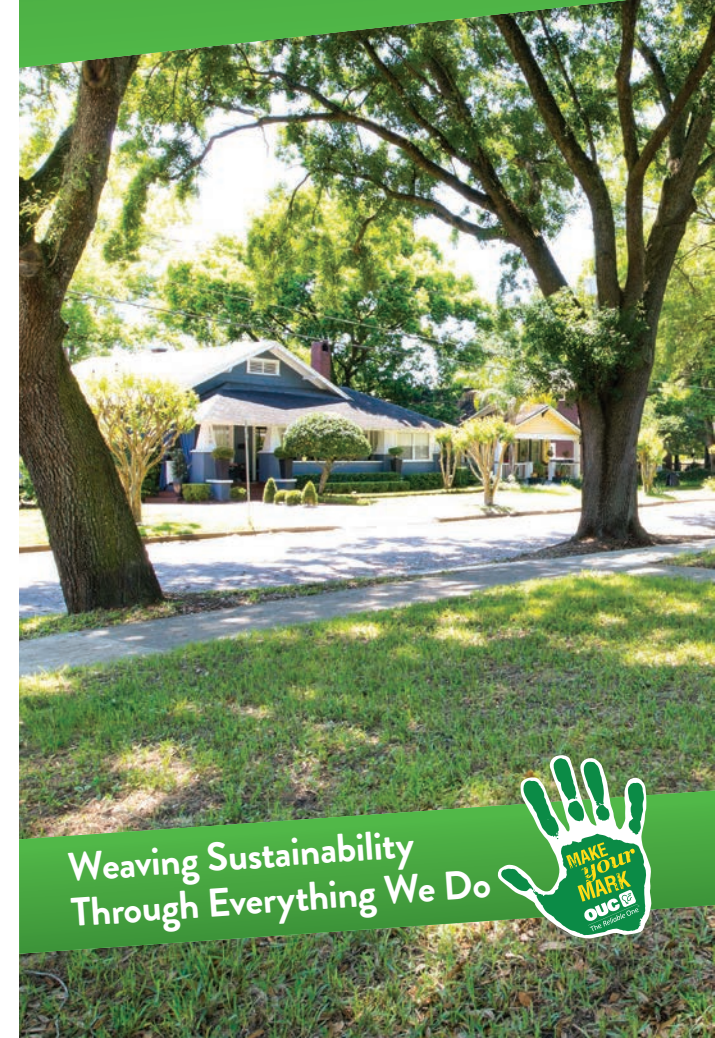
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Other Important Safety Tips

- Always keep ladders, tree-pruners and other equipment at least 10 feet from power lines.
- Never attempt to trim a tree near power lines.
- Never take it upon yourself to retrieve items tangled in power lines. Instead, call OUC for help.
- Never touch a downed power line. If you see one, contact OUC immediately.
- Do not climb trees that are anywhere near overhead power lines.

OUC has a tradition of providing safe, reliable power while doing our best to keep Orlando the “City Beautiful.” And now we’re even more committed as we partner with The City of Orlando to support the *One Person, One Tree* program – a new endeavor that encourages residents to plant a tree with the goal of increasing Orlando’s tree canopy from 25 to 40% by 2040.



Use these safety guidelines as you choose the planting site of your tree. Remember to always plant the right tree in the right place for the best chance of success.

Planting Trees

Trees that grow near power lines can be dangerous and cause power outages. OUC estimates that 20 percent of all outages are caused by falling trees or limbs that come in contact with electrical lines. This can be avoided by selecting the right place to plant your tree. Before you plant a tree, look up to see if it will grow too close to overhead lines when it is fully grown. **Fast-growing canopy trees should be planted a minimum of 30 feet away from power lines.** Also be aware of underground electric lines in your neighborhood and avoid planting trees or shrubs close to pad-mounted transformers. **Pad-mounted transformers require 12 feet clearance in the front and 3 feet clearance around the sides and back.**



Pad-Mounted Transformer

