

## Integrated Vegetation Management Program: Risk Tree Program

The Risk Tree Program is intended to address tree situations that pose or otherwise could pose a risk to the integrity of Union Power Cooperative's overhead distribution and transmission electric system infrastructure. Union Power Cooperative does not own any trees in or outside the right-of-way maintenance zones. As such, debris left, in whatever lengths and condition it is left in, is the sole responsibility of the property owner to address.



Union Power Cooperative's IVM Department **will** address the following situations, per assessment by our personnel, at no cost to the Member:

- Dead trees
- Dying trees
- Trees leaning toward the powerlines
- Diseased trees
- Insect-infested trees
- Trees with holes at the base or along the main trunk
- Trees meeting the criteria above that are within range of our underground equipment
- Trees in and bank-side of creeks and streams
- Live trees to make safe for logging operations (up to a point)

Situations we **will not** address include:

- Large trees (up to a point)
- When there's no access to the tree for mechanized equipment or tree unsafe for climbing
- Leaning away from Service Line
- Leaning away with low risk of property damage or injury to people
- Dead trees by yard lights and yard light wires
- Healthy trees, as determined by our Arborists, that a Member simply wants to have cut down

Over 80% of the cost to remove a risk tree is absorbed by Union Power Cooperative in way of cutting the target tree down. The remaining 20%, absorbed by the homeowner, is spent in wood and debris removal. Please report risk trees by calling 704 289-3145.