

Annual Tree Trimming Program

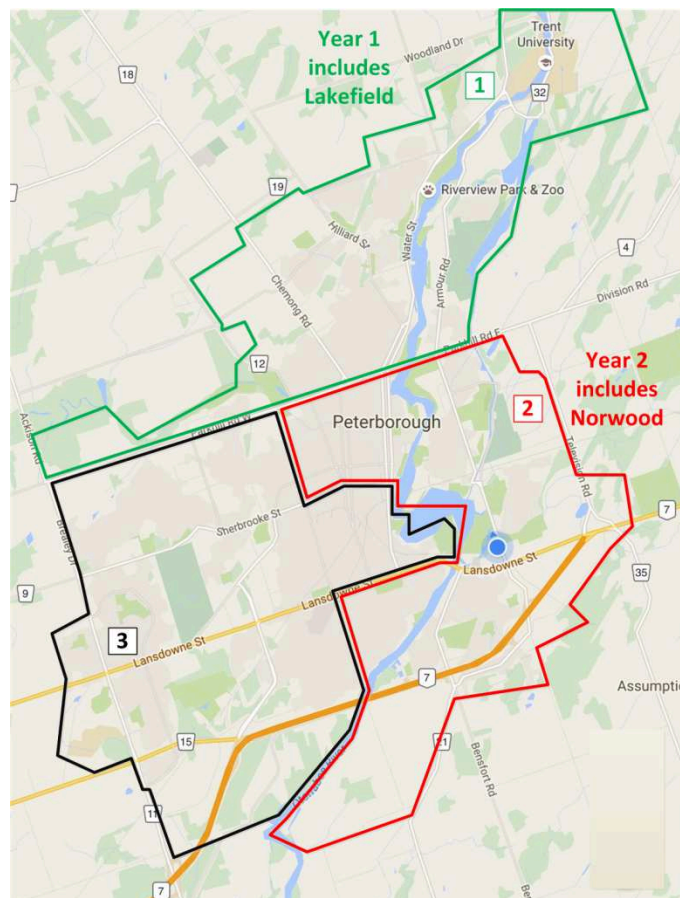
Helps to keep your power on!

WHY we trim trees?

We conduct our tree trimming program on a three year cycle in an effort of minimize tree contact with live overhead lines during storms. Tree contact can cause feeder breakers to open and reclose, creating momentary outages for customers. More severe contact can produce extended outages with blown protective fuses and damage to the overhead distribution system. Tree trimming also creates appropriate safety clearances to maintain public safety.

WHERE do we trim?

The current annual program covers approximately 1/3 of Peterborough territory's overhead lines. The current cycle is Year 1 which includes Peterborough north of Parkhill Road and Lakefield.



WHEN do we trim?

Tree trimming starts in early November as soon as foliage is off trees to the end of March. This provides a better view of how much trimming is required to maintain minimum requirements without obstruction. Normally backyards are targeted first to avoid damage to gardens etc. and makes for easier clean-up. Once the frost is in the ground bucket trucks can access some difficult areas without significant damage as well.

Backyard areas that require tree climbing have planned power outages to allow our contractor to work safely. You will be notified in advance if any planned power outages are required. The length of these outages is minimized as much as possible. Outages will be cancelled during adverse weather conditions.