





Sprawling trees look beautiful when in full bloom. They add charm and quality of life to our community. But something could be hiding between those branches.

If those tree branches touch an electric line, bad things could happen. Children climbing those trees could be shocked or killed. A branch might break and cause a power outage. The wind can whip a limb into the line and break, or a branch can merely brush the line and catch on fire.

Kaukauna Utilities employs workers who are specially trained to trim trees so their limbs are a safe distance from overhead lines. We follow techniques that are approved by the National Arbor Day Foundation, and all trimming functions are directed by a certified Arborist.

**Kaukauna Utilities urges homeowners to leave the trimming to us**. Never attempt to trim any trees or vegetation growing near power lines. Leave the trimming to the professionals. *If you have concerns about trees near power lines, contact us at 920-462-0217.* 

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. For emergencies during non-business hours, please call 920-766-5721. **Being cautious could save your life.** 

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## **ELECTRICAL CODE**

The electric meter on your building and the transformers that bring you power belong to Kaukauna Utilities. Occasionally, it is necessary for employees of Kaukauna Utilities to work on that equipment for routine maintenance and testing. These activities are needed to accurately measure consumption and assure a reliable source of electrical energy.

Access to that equipment is critical for the safe and efficient performance of these very important tasks. Because of this needed access and the safety issues involved, there are certain regulations and guidelines that are outlined in the **National Electric Code and the Wisconsin Administrative Code**.

## Some of these rules are:

- 1. There shall be a minimum of three feet of unobstructed working space measured from the meter face in front of the meter. This space shall extend from the floor or ground level to a height of six feet three inches.
- 2. The unobstructed space in front of meter cabinets, current transformer cabinets and transformer loss cabinets shall also be from grade to a height of six feet three inches. This requirement is defined in the National Electric Code Section 110-16.
- 3. Underground transformers require eight feet of work space to the front of the transformer, three feet on the sides, and two feet in the back.
- 4. For underground pedestals, the available work space must be three feet on all four sides.
- 5. Kaukauna Utilities reserves the right to access utility equipment on private property pursuant to State Statute 196.171.

If it is necessary for Kaukauna Utilities personnel to get near the equipment and shrubs are planted too close or other materials are stored too near, you may be asked to remove the obstructions. Please understand that these rules and regulations are in place to help Kaukauna Utilities maintain the equipment that provides you low cost, reliable electrical energy and to ensure the safety and efficiency of our employees.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns at 920-462-0230.