

## Tree-Trimming Safety Message

**Inter-County Energy would like to caution members on a few things when dealing with tree trimming. NEVER** cut trees near power lines, always notify Inter-County Energy before beginning work. Use only a **CERTIFIED** tree trimming companies near power lines.

There have been several incidents where people have cut down trees that have damaged our lines, and caused power outages for hundreds of our members. One recent outage actually took five hours to repair, and cost your cooperative time and money. Fortunately no one was killed or injured during the incident, but that is not always the case.

Neither you nor anyone you contract should attempt this work. Our **primary concern is your safety** and we will work hand-in-hand with you to ensure the work gets done safely.

If you need to remove a tree or part of a tree that is close to power lines, please contact us, and we will determine if it is safe for you or your contractor. Failure to do so may result in injury or damage charges being assessed to the member if an outage occurs.