

Each tree in its proper place

Follow these basic tree-planting rules and you will save energy and money on your utility bill:

Plant deciduous (leaf-shedding) trees on the south and west sides of your home. These trees provide energy-saving shade in the summer and allow sunshine to warm your home during winter months.



Plant evergreen trees on the north and west sides of your home. These trees create a windbreak that block cold winter winds, saving energy and money and easing the load on your home heating system.

As the other articles on this page point, also consider utility lines when planting!

Thanks to our customers in areas where we cleared trees

We just finished a two-month job of line clearing, east of Princeton along Hwy 95, on both sides of the highway. We removed brush and trimmed dangerous trees along the right-of-way and in the power lines, to minimize tree caused outages. Thank you to all our customers for your cooperation. We are very pleased with the crews who performed the work.

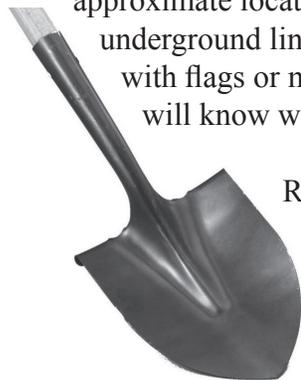
Call 8-1-1 before you dig

Do your spring projects include digging, planting a tree, installing a new mail box or bringing in a backhoe for trench work?

Before digging, call the underground utility locator service to mark the location of underground utilities so that accidental contact, damage and injuries can be avoided. Underground utilities, such as buried gas, water and electric lines, can be a shovel thrust away from turning a spring project into a disaster.

To find out where utility lines run on your property, call 8-1-1, the national “Call Before You Dig” phone number. Call at least 72 hours before engaging in any type of digging or excavation work. Your call will be routed to a local “one call” center. Tell the operator where you’re planning to dig and what type of work you will be doing, and local utilities, including Princeton Public Utilities, will be notified.

A locator will arrive to mark the approximate location of any underground lines, pipes and cables with flags or marking paint so you will know what’s below.



Remember to call 8-1-1 before you dig. It’s free, it’s easy and it’s the law!

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Consider utilities when planting

Trees around your home provide summer shade to lower cooling costs and keep out cold winter winds. Consider the following when planting or trimming a tree:

- Plant trees away from underground utilities to prevent roots from interfering with pipes, cables and wires. Future repairs to these facilities could damage the health and beauty of nearby plants and trees.
- Make sure not to plant trees directly under or within at least 25 feet of power lines for short trees, and at least 40 feet away for medium-size trees. Large trees should be planted even farther from overhead lines.
- Always look for nearby power lines before you cut down a tree or trim branches. If a tree falls into a power line, contact us right away, at 389-2252.
- Keep areas around your electric meters, transformers or other electrical equipment free of vegetation that could limit utility service access.

Watt's in the kitchen?

Thank you to Marilyn Patten for submitting her recipe for Rhubarb Bread Pudding and to Randi Bydlon for her recipe for Salted Nut Roll Bars. They will each receive a \$5 credit on their utility bill.

Rhubarb Bread Pudding:

8 slices bread lightly toasted
¼ c. butter or margarine
5 eggs lightly beaten
3 c. chopped rhubarb
1 ½ c. milk
1 ½ c. sugar
½ tsp. cinnamon
¼ tsp. salt
½ c. brown sugar

Remove the crust from bread & cut into ½ cubes. Place in greased 1 ½ qt baking dish. In saucepan heat milk over medium heat until bubbles form on side of pan – remove from heat. Stir in butter until melted. Pour over bread and let stand 15 min. In bowl combine eggs, rhubarb, sugar, cinnamon & salt. Stir into bread mixture. Sprinkle with brown sugar. Bake at 350 for 45 – 50 min.

Salted Nut Roll Bars:

1 (16oz.) jar dry roasted peanuts
1 bag (12oz.) peanut butter chips
4 T. butter
1 can sweetened condensed milk
½ pkg. mini marshmallows

In microwave melt chips & butter. Stir in cond. milk & add marshmallows.

Grease 9x13 pan. Pour 1/2 jar peanuts on bottom of pan. Pour mixture over peanuts (will be thick). Top with remaining peanuts. Chill 10 -12 hrs before cutting.

To enter our next Watt's in the Kitchen please send your favorite salad recipe. If it's printed in The Connector we'll credit your account \$5.00. Mail to Princeton Public Utilities, P.O. Box 218, Princeton MN 55371 or email to: princetonpuc@gmail.com

Be careful around electricity

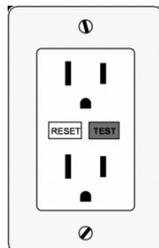
Electricity can be very dangerous if not handled properly. Here are a few tips for being safe around electricity.

Don't overload outlets. An overloaded outlet is a fire hazard.

Frayed cords are dangerous. Regularly check appliance power cords and connections for wear; don't use frayed or cracked cords.

Extension cords are for temporary indoor use. Keep them away from moisture, heat, or metal pipes. Never put them under rugs.

Water + Electricity = Shocking! Always unplug any kitchen countertop appliance before cleaning it. Use ground-fault circuit interrupter receptacles in the bathroom, near wet bars and as receptacles that serve kitchen countertop surfaces.



Keep your distance from overhead lines. When carrying and using ladders and other long tools, make sure to keep them at least 10 feet away from all overhead lines.

Stay out of substations! If a ball or toy gets into a fenced-in electric substation, call us!

Spring is hydrant-flushing time

We will again be conducting the spring water distribution system flushing beginning in April. This is a routine maintenance of the water system and is done in the spring and fall. If you encounter discolored water during this period you can run the cold unsoftened tap for a few minutes to clear it up. The discoloration is not harmful to humans or animals. If you have any questions or concerns please call our office at 763-389-2252.

We offer rebates for many new central air conditioning units

Replacing that old central air conditioning unit could reduce your cooling costs by 30 percent. We make it easier by offering rebates for qualifying central air conditioners, and air- and ground-source heat pumps. For more information, call us at 389-2252 or visit us on the web at www.SaveEnergyinPrinceton.com.

