



## TOWN OF FRONT ROYAL – ENERGY SERVICES

### Tree Replacement Program

Trees play a vital role in our community. However, when allowed to grow freely, trees can become a major cause of power interruptions. These interruptions can occur at any time, but become especially prevalent during high winds, ice and thunderstorms. As Part of the Town's Line Clearance Program to provide electric reliability and safety, the Town has established a Tree Replacement Program.

The Tree Replacement Program is designed to encourage the homeowner to replace trees that have to be removed for safety or reliability issues along the electrical lines. In order to qualify for replacement, a tree must be under or in the vicinity of our high voltage lines, be a tree that we have trimmed in the past, or be a tree that currently presents a threat to our facilities. Trees in the vicinity of service wires coming to a home do not qualify for replacement.

The following are general guidelines for the Tree Replacement Program:

1. The customer must sign the Tree Removal Permission Form granting the Town of Front Royal the right to remove tree(s)
2. The Town will remove qualifying tree(s), grind all stumps that are left behind, remove any debris and fill any void with topsoil
3. The customer will receive a tree voucher with a value of \$75 to purchase a tree or shrub from the approved specimen list from Springtime Garden Center.
4. The property owners are responsible for purchasing, planting, and maintaining all replacement trees.

If you would like more information or have a tree issue, please contact the Department of Energy Services at (540) 635-3027.