

Member Newsletter



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March 2010

It's Spring Planting Time Call 811 BEFORE you dig!

Spring is just around the corner in the SVEC service area and our members are in a "planting" mood.

Whether you are planning your vegetable or flower gardens or landscaping your lawn with trees and shrubs, SVEC and the folks at Tennessee One Call remind you to Call BEFORE you dig.

To make it easier to remember, the three digit **811** phone number has been assigned to the national organization that coordinates the locating of underground utility lines for builders, gardeners or anyone planning to dig in areas that may contain buried electric, phone, cable or gas lines.

Trees/shrubs enhance the appearance of a neighborhood, help clean the air, and conserve energy. However, it is important to plant the right vegetation for the right location.

The best policy is not to plant any trees directly under the power lines to ensure the vegetation is not damaged during repair efforts.

However, if planting is needed to beautify properties or for creating buffers to roads, plant trees/shrubs that are less than 20 feet high when mature. This greatly reduces the potential for power outages, reduces the need for routine cyclic trimming and minimizes the visual impact to vegetation from trimming efforts.

If trees are to be planted outside the Right-of-Way boundaries ensure that plants are chosen that, when mature, will not extend (spread) into the ROW (see diagram.)

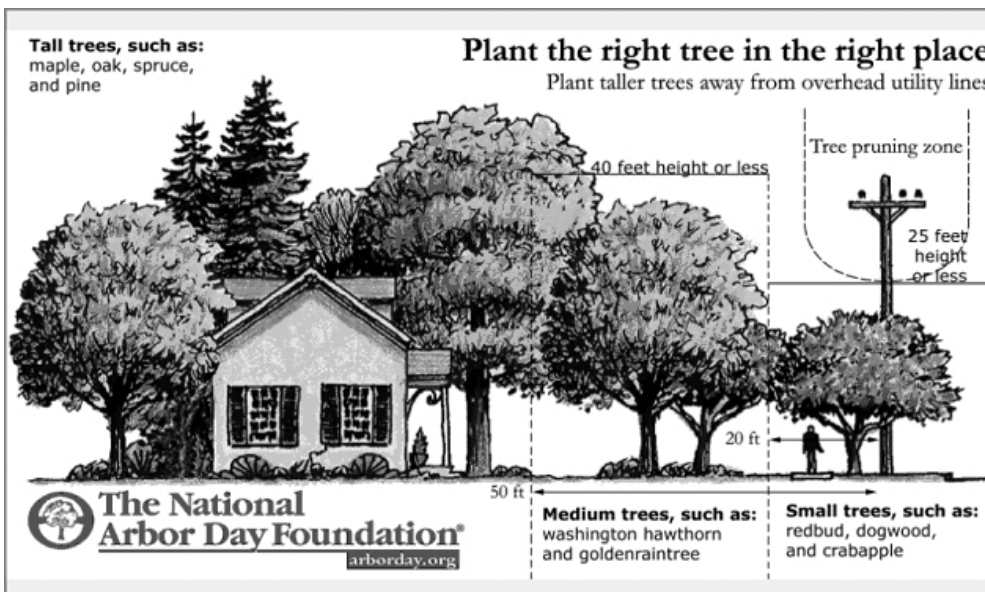
First choose the location for a tree/shrub. Next, look up and around. Decide how close a fully-grown tree/shrub planted in that location will



come to a power line or structure. Once you know the height and width of the area available for a mature tree/shrub, then you can identify a suitable plant.

Now you are ready to go tree shopping and talk with the experts at a local nursery or check out www.treesaregood.org or www.arboday.org for suggestions.

Then before you dig holes for the plants or for any other reason, call **811** to find out if there are any buried utility lines in the area. Digging even with a shovel, can damage the lines, create a service outage, or cause serious personal injury. You may also be liable for the costs of repairs.



Planting the right tree in the right place can help you avoid having to have your trees trimmed to prevent power outages and blinks. Calling ahead to Tennessee One Call — 811— before you dig while landscaping or remodeling around your home will also help to prevent outages and help keep you and your family safe.

Service Centers

97 Resource Rd, Dunlap
423-949-2198

3396 Main Street, Pikeville
423-447-2131

512 South Cedar Avenue,
South Pittsburg
423-837-8605 or 1-800-923-2203

14002 Hwy 41, Tracy City
931-592-2511

14087 Highway 28, Whitwell
423-658-7832 - Mon, Wed. Fri.

SV Propane
1426 Altamont St. Tracy City
931-592-5126 or
877-521-3055 (toll free)

After Hours: 1-888-421-SVEC

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2010 Spring Calendar of Events

Spring is almost here and there are lots of events across the Sequachee Valley Electric Cooperative service area that you will not want to miss. Following are a few of them.

"Taste of the Mountain" 10th Annual Food Fair

March 8, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm, National Guard Armory, Monteagle, TN
Contact 931-924-5353 -\$8 per Ticket in advance or \$10 at the door. Children 3 years and under free. A portion of the ticket price will go to benefit FORC - the Rural Grundy County Food Bank. Entertainment will be provided by local bluegrass band "Peckerwoods."

Marion County Teen Health Conference

March 27 - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Marion County High School, Jasper, TN

Contact- Carol Bailey- 423-942-0945 extension 102 -This Free Conference for High School Students will feature speakers on a number of timely topics relating to teen health and safety. A free lunch will be sponsored by Volunteer State Health Plan.

The "Cancer Queens" Musical Revue

April 1, 6:00 pm, Whitwell Middle School Auditorium, Whitwell, TN

Contact- Carol Bailey- 423-942-0945 extension 102 -This entertaining and educational program presented by a group of volunteers - all cancer survivors - is free of charge. Donations will be accepted to benefit a local child undergoing treatment for cancer. The program is being sponsored by the Marion County Co-ordinated School Health program and the Marion County Health Council.

March of Dimes, "March for Babies"

April 18, Harris Park, Dunlap
Contact: 423-267-7172. Form a team, join a team or become a sponsor to help babies come into the world healthy!
Registration 12:30 p.m. - Walk starts 2:00 p.m.

Trails & Trilliums — A Celebration & Sale of Native Plants



**April 17 -18, 9:00 am -3:00 pm Sat;
9:00 am -3:00 pm, Sunday
St. Andrews-Sewanee
School Campus, Sewanee, TN**

Enjoy hikes, workshops, garden tours, the native plant sale, music, food and crafts to raise awareness about conserving native plants. Contact: Margaret Matens at 931-598-5651 or mmatens@sasweb.org. Visit the web site at <http://trails.sasweb.org>.



Stroll on down to Cornbread Alley while you are at the National Cornbread Festival for some of the most delicious and unique cornbread ever!



National Cornbread Festival

April 24-25 - Downtown South Pittsburg

For more information visit the National Cornbread Festival web site: www.nationalcornbread.com or call 423-837-0022. The festival also features, arts & crafts, music, a carnival, a children's activity area in addition to all the great food. Visit www.nationalcornbread.com for more info.

Head Start's 14th Annual Community Partnership Conference

April 30 - Kimball Church of Christ- 8:30 am to 2:30 pm
Contact: Crystal Samples: 1-800-762-8432 or 423-837-6724 or csamples@svpda.org. It's a day full of workshops, exhibits and a free lunch. It is all about children and families.

American Cancer Society Relay For Life Events

**April 30 - Bledsoe County
May 14-15 -Sequatchie Co.
June 4-5 - Grundy County
June 4-5 - Marion County**

Check your local newspapers or call the ACS at 423-267-8614 for information on how you can get involved.

Nine Mile Bluegrass Festival

May 7-8 - Nine Mile Volunteer Fire Dept., Pikeville

Contact: Helen Fields (423) 533-2526. Music begins at 7:00 p.m. on Friday and at noon on Saturday and lasts until the last one quits pickin'.

Coke Ovens Bluegrass Festival

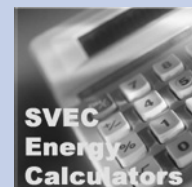
June-4-5- Coke Ovens Park, Dunlap

For more information call: 423-949-2156 - Coke Ovens Museum (Mon-Wed & Sun) 10:00 a.m - 3:00 p.m.

Lion's Club Horse Show

June 26 - O.K. Hege Memorial Horse Show. Sequatchie Co. Ball Park, Dunlap, TN. Contact Wayne Reynolds at 423-949-3420

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