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The Arbor Day Foundation Recognizes 149 Utilities With Tree Line USA Honors

More than 78 million Americans enjoy the beauty and benefits of urban trees that are nurtured and protected by Tree Line USA utility companies.

This year, 149 utility companies have earned Tree Line USA recognition from the Arbor Day Foundation. Utility companies earn Tree Line USA designation by meeting three requirements: a program of quality tree care, annual worker training in quality tree care practices, and a tree planting and public education program.

The Arbor Day Foundation sponsors the Tree Line USA program in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters.

"Tree Line USA utilities bring their communities many environmental and economic benefits, and the program is so vital because trees are essential to America's cities and towns," said John Rosenow, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Trees benefit our communities by helping to clean the air and water, helping us conserve energy and increasing our property values.

"We are pleased to recognize so many Tree Line USA utility companies who realize that trees play an important role to the overall health, comfort and beauty of our homes and communities."

Tree Line USA includes both investor-owned and

public utilities of all sizes, ranging from those serving thousands of households in a single community to those serving millions across several states. These companies have demonstrated a creative commitment to public education, tree planting, and quality tree care.

For example, one Tree Line USA utility sponsors an energy conservation program to help homeowners reduce heating and cooling costs through strategic plantings. Another utility invites area residents to workshops on proper pruning techniques and tree planting basics. Several Tree Line USA recipients put on special demonstrations to plant utility friendly trees near lines and larger trees planted away from lines.

"Exemplary tree care remains at the forefront of both community and company concern, as demonstrated by the success and growth of the Tree Line USA program and the utility companies it honors," Rosenow said.

Proper tree care plays an important part in a utility's ability to provide reliable service. Utilities that preserve community trees while providing reliable service achieve long-term operational savings and help beautiful trees live on into the future. One way utilities ensure more reliable service is through natural pruning, in which trees are trained to grow around utility lines. This cuts down on maintenance costs, and protects the tree from harmful over-pruning.




TREE LINE USA. 2008 Honorees

- AEP Texas Central Company (TX)
- AEP Texas North Company (TX)
- AEP-Public Service Company of Oklahoma (OK)
- AEP-SWEPCO (AR, LA, TX)
- Alabama Power Company (AL)
- Alliant Energy (IL, IA, MN, WI)
- Ameren (IL, MO)
- Appalachian Electric Cooperative (TN)
- Arizona Public Service (AZ)
- Atlantic City Electric (NJ)
- Austin Energy (TX)
- Azusa Light and Water (CA)
- Bath Electric, Gas & Water Systems (NY)
- Bertron Public Utility District (WA)
- Boone Electric Cooperative (MO)
- Bowling Green Municipal Utilities (KY)
- Brigham City Light and Water (UT)
- Bristol Tennessee Electric and Gas (TN)
- Brownsville Electric and Gas (TX)
- Buckeye Electric and Gas (OH)
- Burbank Water and Power (CA)
- Capital Water & Electric Plant (MO)
- CenterPoint Energy (TX)
- Central Vermont Public Service (VT)
- Chelan County PUD #1 (WA)
- Chicopee Electric Light (MA)
- Chugach Electric Association (AK)
- Citizens' Electric Company (PA)
- City of Anaheim Public Utilities (CA)
- City of Batavia Municipal Electric Utility (IL)

- City of Forest Grove Light & Power (OR)
- City of Lompoc Utility Services (CA)
- City of Redding Electric Utility (CA)
- City of Rocky Mount (NC)
- City of St. Charles (IL)
- City of Stoughton Utilities (WI)
- City of Tallahassee Electric (FL)
- City of Westerville Electric Division (OH)
- City Public Service of San Antonio (TX)
- City Utilities of Springfield (MO)
- City Water, Light & Power (IL)
- Clark Public Utilities (WA)
- Cleveland Utilities (TN)
- Clinton Springs Board (TN)
- Colorado Springs Utilities (CO)
- Columbia Water & Light Department (MO)
- ComEd (An Exelon Company) (IL)
- Consumers Power Inc. (OR)
- Cookeville Electric Department (TN)
- Corn Belt Cooperative (IL)
- Crawford Electric Cooperative (MO)
- Cuhre River Electric Cooperative (MO)
- Cuyahoga Falls Electric Department (OH)
- Delaware Electric Cooperative (DE)
- Delmarva Power & Light (DE)
- Detroit Edison (MI)

CenterPoint Energy (TX)

- East Tennessee Gas and Electric (TN)
- Edmond Electric (OK)
- Eugene Water & Electric Board (OR)
- First Electric Cooperative (AR)
- First Energy Corporation (NJ, OH, PA)
- Florida Power & Light Company (FL)
- Gaffney Board of Public Works (SC)
- Gainesville Regional Utilities (FL)
- Golden Valley Electric Association (AK)
- Hartford Electric (MA)
- Hutchinson Utilities Commission (MN)

- Idaho Power Company (ID, OR)
- Independence Power & Light (MO)
- Indianapolis Power & Light Company (IN)
- ITC Transmission (MI)
- Joe Wheeler EMC (AL)
- Johnson City Power Board (TN)
- Kansas City Power and Light (MO)
- Knoxville Utilities Board (TN)
- Lakeland Electric (FL)
- Lansing Board of Water & Light (MI)
- Lincoln Electric System (NE)
- Long Island Power Authority (NY)
- Los Angeles Department of Water & Power (CA)
- Madison Gas and Electric Company (WI)
- Marshfield Utilities (WI)
- Massena Electric Department (NY)
- Matanuska Electric Association (AK)
- MidAmerican Energy Company (IA, IL, NE, SD)
- Mishawaka Utilities (IN)
- Montana-Dakota Utilities Company (CO, MT, ND, SD)
- Morristown Utility Systems (TN)
- Murray City Power (UT)
- National Grid USA (MA, NH, NY, RI, VT)
- Nebraska City Utilities (NE)
- Nebraska Public Power District (NE)
- New York State Electric and Gas (NY)
- Northwestern Indiana Public Service Company (IN)
- NSTAR Electric (MA)
- Ocala Electric Utility (FL)
- OG&E Electric Services (AR, OK)
- Oklahoma Electric Cooperative (OK)
- Omaha Public Power District (NE)
- Orange and Rockland Utilities (NJ, NY, PA)
- Orlando Utilities Commission (FL)
- Owensboro Municipal Utilities (KY)
- Pacific Gas & Electric Company (CA)
- PacifiCorp (CA, ID, OR, UT, WA, WY)
- Pasadena Water and Power (CA)
- PECO (PA)
- Peninsula Light Company (WA)

- People's Electric Cooperative (OK)
- PEPCO (DC, MD)
- Pierce Peplin Cooperative Services (WI)
- Pioneer Electric Cooperative (OH)
- PPL Electric (PA)
- Progress Energy (FL)
- Provo City Power (UT)
- Public Service Company of New Mexico (NM)
- Puget Sound Energy (WA)
- Rails County Electric Cooperative (MO)
- Rappahannock Electric Cooperative (VA)
- Richland Electric Cooperative (WI)
- Richland Energy Services (WA)
- Richmond Power & Light (IN)
- Riverside Public Utility Department (CA)
- Rochester Gas & Electric Corporation (NY)
- Ruston Light & Power (LA)
- Sacramento Municipal Utility District (CA)
- Salt River Project (AZ)
- San Diego Gas and Electric Company (CA)
- San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CO)
- Shawano Municipal Utilities (WI)
- Snohomish County PUD (WA)
- Southern California Edison Company (CA)
- Southern Utilities District (NE)
- Sumter Electric Cooperative (FL)
- Tacoma Power (WA)
- TXU Electric Delivery (TX)
- Union Power Cooperative (NC)
- Upper Peninsula Power Company (MI)
- Vermont Electric Power Company (VT)
- Vernon Electric Cooperative (WI)
- Village of Rantoul (IL)
- Waverly Light & Power (IA)
- Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative (IL)
- We Energies (MI, WI)
- Wester Energy (KS)
- Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (MI, WI)
- Xcel Energy (CO, KS, MI, MN, ND, NM, OK, SD, TX, WI)