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## WHAT YOU SHOULD EXPECT FROM MCCOY

- 1.** McCoy trimmers will work safely and efficiently to trim trees to obtain the required clearance from power lines.
- 2.** If a major portion of your tree must be removed to obtain the proper clearance, a member of the crew will discuss the situation with you prior to making the cut. In some cases, removal of the tree may be the best option.
- 3.** The crew will leave your yard and driveway area as clean or cleaner than before the work was started.

Please do not ask the crews to trim trees that do not affect the reliability of electric service.

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## IF YOU NEED TO CONTACT SOMEONE

To verify the legitimacy of the McCoy crews or for more information, contact your McCoy area supervisor:

**Julio Falcon**

800-462-2393

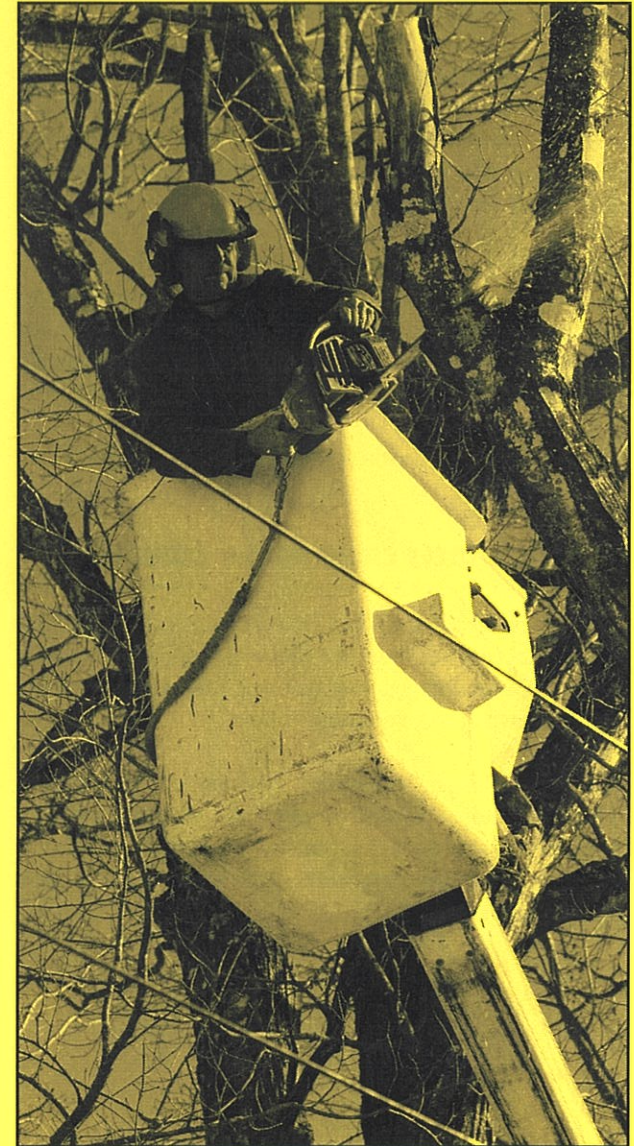
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TREE MANAGEMENT COORDINATED THROUGH



The Lower Colorado River Authority helps city-owned utilities and electric cooperatives keep electricity flowing to their consumers affordably, reliably and safely. Tree management services are coordinated through LCRA.

# TREE TRIMMING AND POWER LINES



Tree trimming services are provided by  
your local utility and McCoy Tree Surgery.



**McCoy Tree Surgery**



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## TREES AND POWER LINES DON'T MIX

Trees growing too close to electric lines can cause damage or interrupt power to you or your neighbors. Proper clearances must be maintained to ensure safety and help avoid power outages.

McCoy Tree Surgery, which specializes in vegetation management for the electric utility industry, partners with your local utility to prune trees near electric power lines when it has been determined that branches may, or have begun to, impact power lines.

McCoy's pruning methods comply with industry standards for safety and tree care, and are endorsed by the International Society of Arboriculture and the Tree Care Industry Association. These standards promote quality tree care while ensuring safe and reliable electric service.

There is no charge to you for these tree-trimming services.

## UNPRUNED TREES CAUSE POWER OUTAGES

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During severe storms, wind-blown or ice-laden tree limbs that contact power lines are the most common cause of electric power outages. Just one tree limb can knock out electric service to dozens of families.

Tree management trimming is designed to virtually eliminate outages caused by trees. Following international arboricultural standards, McCoy workers trim trees so limbs will not interfere with electric lines for at least three years.

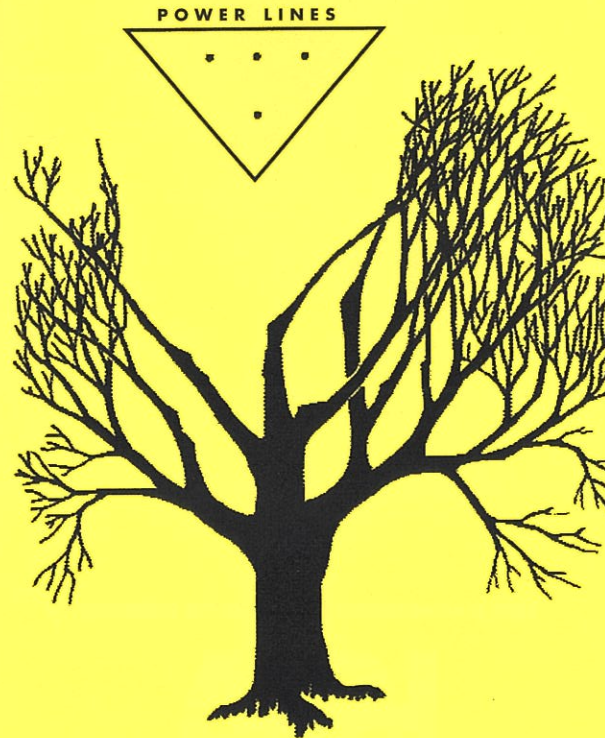
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## PROPER TRIMMING METHODS

Ideally, trees should not be planted beneath power lines. Unfortunately, thousands of trees are growing too close to power lines. These trees must be trimmed to prevent safety hazards and power outages.

How trees are trimmed is important. If trees are not trimmed properly, power outages may occur and your tree may be damaged. McCoy's trimming techniques protect the health of trees and direct the tree to grow away from electric lines through directional trimming.

The illustrations show how trees growing too close to power lines must be trimmed. The four dots represent the electric lines. Notice how trimming helps the tree grow away from the power lines.



Your tree may look like this if it grows to the side of a power line. Notice that proper trimming maintains proper clearance both below and to the sides of the power lines.

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## WHAT IF DRASTIC TRIMMING IS NEEDED?

In some cases, obtaining the proper clearance from power lines requires removal of a major portion of your tree. If McCoy determines it is necessary to remove large branches all the way to the trunk, this option will be discussed with you prior to trimming.

In order to protect the tree, cuts will only be made at certain arteries. In no case will proper trimming techniques be compromised or a cut made that will harm your tree.