

POWER **PLANTING**

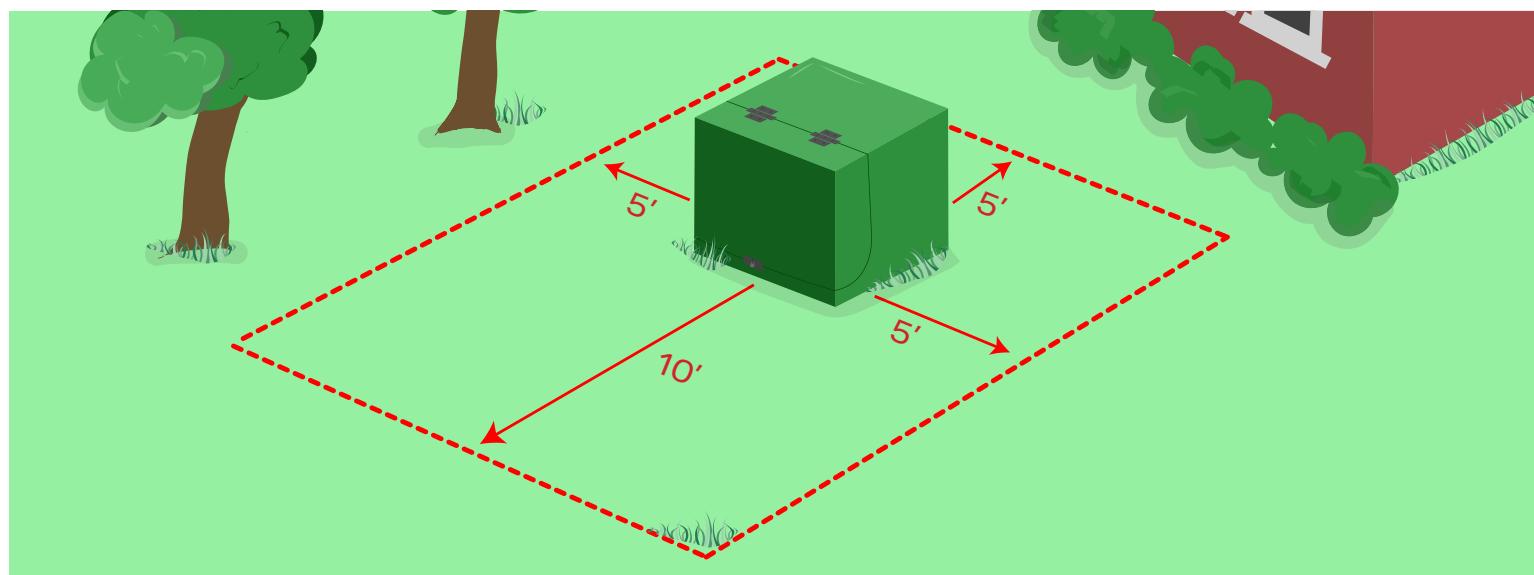
==EQUIPMENT + LANDSCAPING==

At Tri-County Electric Cooperative, we appreciate that landscaping provides beauty and privacy, enhancing your property's value and livability. This guide will preserve your landscaping while still providing access to the equipment that brings you power.

PLANTING NEAR THE "GREEN BOX"

Some members may have underground electric service, meaning the power lines that serve your home are buried instead of being attached to poles overhead. Therefore, equipment, including transformers, that would normally be mounted near the top of the pole are mounted at ground-level on concrete pads inside locking metal cabinets.

In order to provide safe, reliable electric service, our linemen need 10 feet of clearance in front (the side with the locking panel) of this equipment so they can safely open it, and five feet on each side to allow access. Some of the larger equipment requires 10 feet of clearance, front and back.



It is very important that you not plant shrubs or other vegetation, build or place structures, locked gates, or other obstructions around this equipment that might hide or block access to it. When our crews have to clear obstructions just to gain access, it makes maintenance work more difficult – even hazardous – and can increase outage restoration times for you and your neighbors.

Keeping landscape plantings at a safe distance helps us preserve the beauty of your landscape while providing reliable electric service.

In addition to electric lines, water and sewer lines, internet, and oil and gas pipelines are also buried underground. If you're digging 16 inches or deeper anywhere in your yard, call Texas 8-1-1 first. It's the law, and it can save your life. When you call 8-1-1, a certified technician will come to your location and mark all underground equipment for free. Please call at least two business days before you start your digging project.

