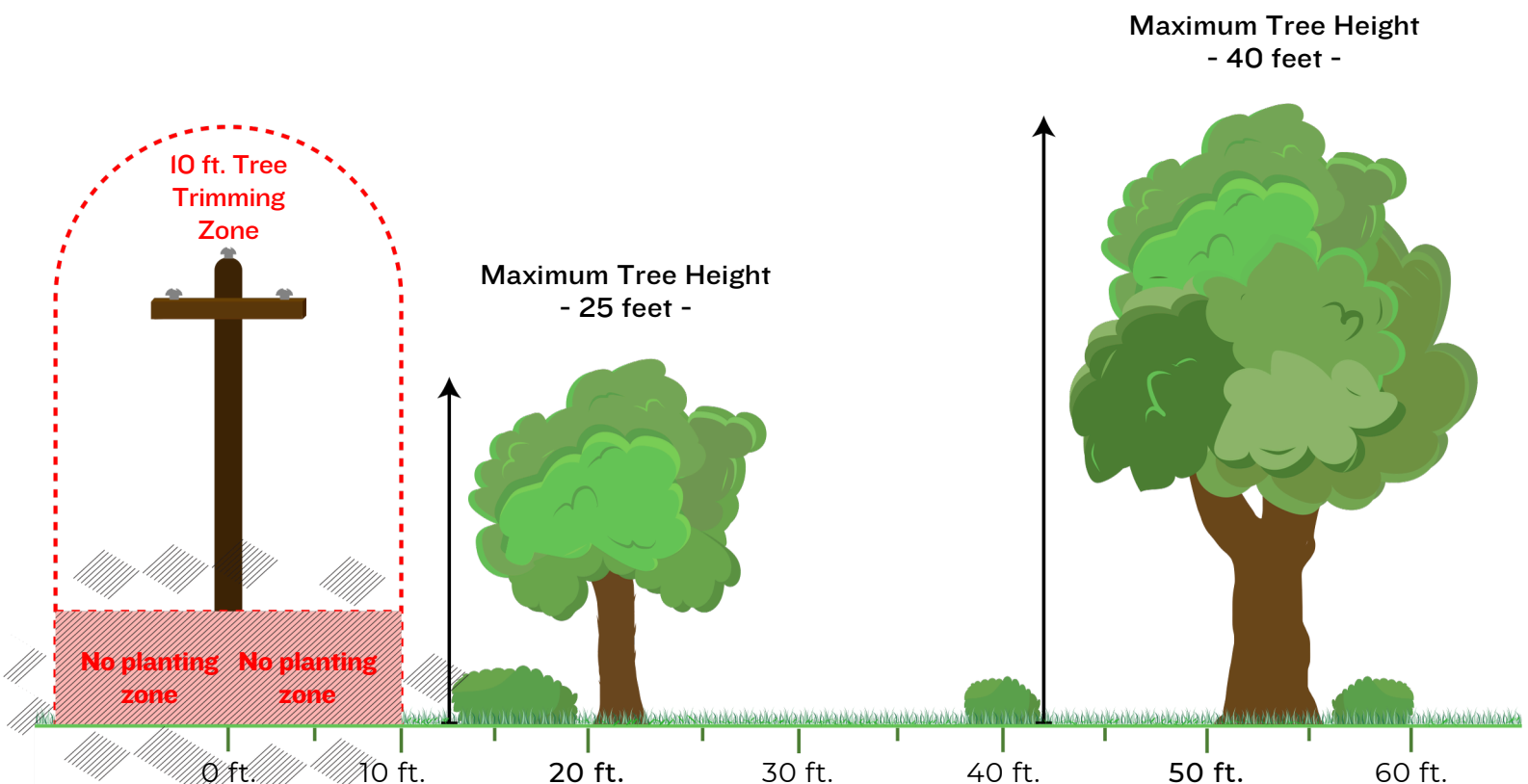


# POWER PLANTING

## POLES + TREES

Tri-County Electric Cooperative knows how important trees are to our members and the community. We also know how important it is that you have reliable electric service. That is why we regularly trim trees – to ensure your power is both safe and reliable. Help us manage our utility rights-of-way by following these guidelines!

### PLANTING AROUND POWER LINES



**Short trees:** Trees that grow up to 25 feet tall should be planted at least 20 feet from power lines. Desert willow, common crape myrtle, redbud, and vitex trees are good examples.

**Tall trees:** Plant trees that grow taller than 40 feet at least 50 feet from power lines. Oak, maple, pine, or pecan trees are good examples.

Whether you're looking for shade, a windbreak, or just to enhance your property's aesthetic, start by selecting the right tree for your location. Consult with your local nursery or county agricultural extension office for advice and recommendations. And always remember to dial 8-1-1 before you dig!



# Preferred Trimming Methods

## Primary Wires and Structures:

TCEC prefers mechanical clearing “ground to sky” with 10 feet of horizontal clearance on each side of the lines. This method ensures long-term reliability and lower maintenance costs.

When full clearing is not feasible, directional pruning will be used (V-cut, L-cut, or side-cut).

