

# Alice Springs Tree Trimming Program



Power and Water will begin its Alice Springs tree trimming program on 30 October to safeguard residents and power reliability.

Safety is Power and Water's top priority. Large trees growing through power lines are simply dangerous.

Power and Water's contracted arborist is working with the Alice Springs Town Council to identify which trees need to be trimmed and some may have to be removed.

We understand the importance of Alice Spring's streetscape and shade provided by the trees, however, some large trees planted beneath the power lines are not the most suitable species and they look their worst when trimmed.

If the arborist and Council agree that a tree should be removed, Power and Water will pay for its replacement with more suitable trees selected by Council and purchased from a local landscaping company.

## Fast Facts

- Power and Water conducts the tree trimming program in Alice Springs every 18 months to two years, depending on rainfall.
- In the Northern Territory, Power and Water must maintain a three metre clearance between trees and power lines.
- Power and Water has contracted NT based specialists, Active Tree Services, to scope and deliver the service, in consultation with Power and Water and the Alice Springs Town Council.
- Trees touching the lines can conduct electricity and if touched by people can cause an electric shock.
- Contact between lines and branches are a cause of some of Alice Spring's power outages and have been known to start fires.

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