

SEC Hires Tree Trimming Contractor - Windy Tree, LLC

At your Socorro Electric Cooperative Inc., we love trees, but our power lines do not. To keep safe, reliable power flowing to your home or business, SEC follows a written vegetation management plan as required by Rural Utilities Service.

To help us maintain the vegetation around our power lines, SEC has contracted with Windy Tree, Inc., who will trim trees from mid-April through mid-June in the service areas identified by the maps to the right. Be on the lookout for Windy Tree's trucks with the logo seen below and signs identifying them as a contractor for SEC.



Trees planted near or under power lines create safety hazards not only for our crews but also for the members who live near those trees.



Trees that make contact with the power lines can become conductive and shock children or adults playing in or near the trees. These trees can also cause major outages. SEC crews perform routine tree trimming and clearing activities to maintain clear rights-of-way. When a tree grows into, or is planted within, the rights-of-way, SEC must trim or remove the tree to reduce hazards. This means we have to cut beautiful trees, and that breaks our hearts.

SEC members can request to receive some of the bark chips created during the trimming. For information, call 575-838-9733. If convenient, Windy Tree may be able to drop off 6 yards of tree chips. This is a sizable amount of bark chips, and you will be responsible for them.

Together, we can reduce our maintenance expenses and increase safety for everyone by managing tree growth within the power line rights-of-way.

