



The Board of Trustees of Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative thanks you for participating in our TREEMendUs project.

At their direction, the TREEMendUs program was developed in an effort to replace some of the trees we must cut in right-of-way construction and maintenance. TREEMendUs and Gofer (Give Oil For Energy Recovery) are just two of the ways that MCEC helps to protect your environment.

The following information will give you specific information for the planting and care of your trees.

The Carolina Crepe Myrtle you received will grow approximately 20' in height with a spread of 12'-15'. Please read the Proper Places For Trees Around Homes section of this brochure. It will help you in planting a tree with potential growth of this size.

Always plant trees at least 20' away from power lines.



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PROPER PLACES FOR TREES AROUND HOMES (Planning for the Future)

Because different trees have different mature heights, special attention must be paid to where you plant each tree. Good landscaping helps frame your home, rather than hiding it, and also incorporates use of plant material compatible with existing facilities. Planting the right tree in the right place will enhance property value and prevent costly maintenance trimming and damage to your home. Good landscaping will also utilize shrubs and low-growing trees compatible with electric utility lines. Low-growing trees will not reach electric lines and, therefore, will not create power outages to you or your neighbors.

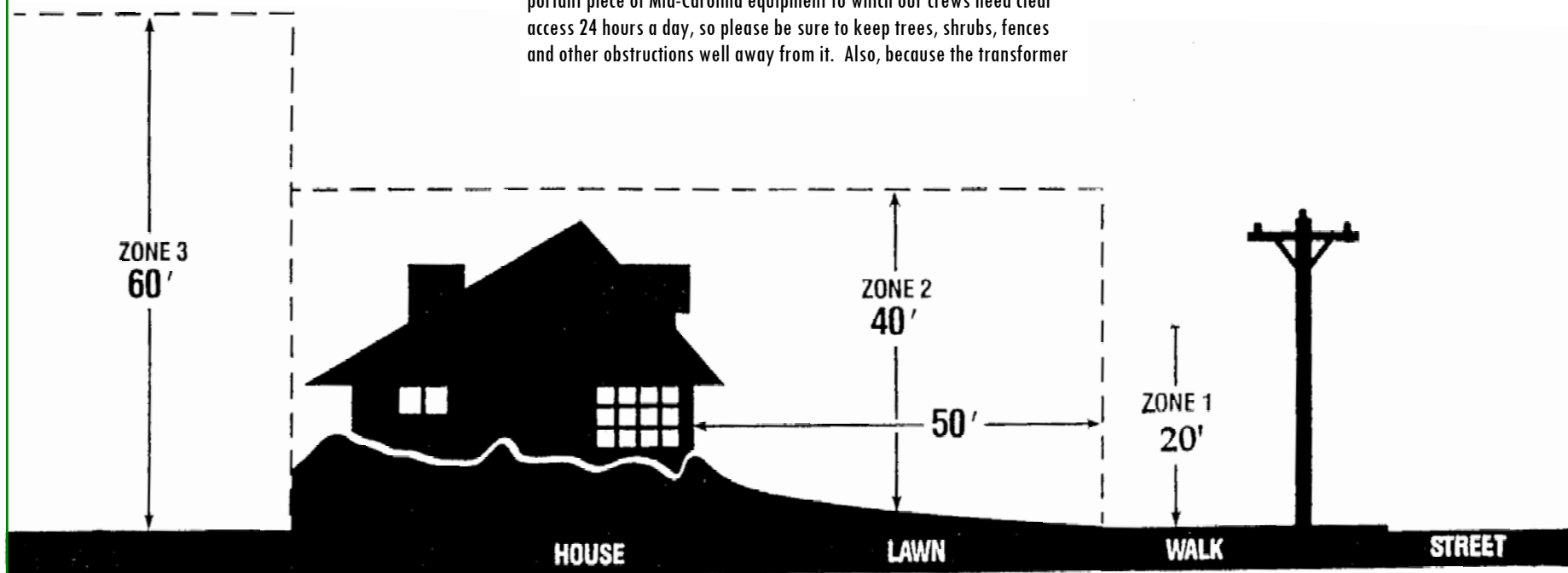
Windbreaks — should be evergreens planted on the west or north side of the house, approximately 50 feet or more from the house.

Temperature — Deciduous (leaf dropping) trees should be planted on the south and/or the west side of the house to cool in the summer and allow sun to enter the house in the winter.

REMEMBER —

If you have a transformer (a green metal box that is an underground electric transformer) in the area in which the tree will be planted, special attention must be paid. Transformers need to be left alone. It is an important piece of Mid-Carolina equipment to which our crews need clear access 24 hours a day, so please be sure to keep trees, shrubs, fences and other obstructions well away from it. Also, because the transformer

is connected to underground power lines, you should never dig anywhere in your yard without first calling 1-888-721-7877 to find out where the cables are buried. Remember, never let anything get closer than 10 feet from the front or 4 feet from the sides of the transformer. (The handle, lock and sticker are on the front.) Also remember to never enclose the transformer with fencing, trees, shrubs or anything else with less than a 10-foot-wide gate or opening. Keeping all of these things in mind when planting will ensure proper planting of your tree.



ZONE 3

TREES THAT GROW 60 FEET IN HEIGHT.

Larger types of trees can be used here, however, the tree planting should consider your neighbor's view or his own planting of flower beds and trees. Large trees should be planted at least 35 feet away from the house for proper root development and to minimize tree damage to the house or building.

ZONE 2

TREES THAT GROW NO TALLER THAN 40 FEET.

This zone which takes in mostly lawn area is used to decorate or frame your house instead of hiding it from sight. Trees should be selected first, then shrubs can be planted to complement the trees.

ZONE 1

TREES THAT GROW NO TALLER THAN 20 FEET.

This zone ends 15 feet away from the electric utility wires. If you have further questions concerning the planting of trees near electric lines located away from homes, call your electric utility, as these lines may be of a higher voltage and require greater clearance distances.