

Improving Reliability with Tree Trimming



When the power goes out during a storm, it's most often caused by trees falling on power equipment — and with the changing climate driving more frequent severe weather, tree trimming and removal near overhead lines is imperative to help fortify the electric system. That's why our arborists work year-round developing and implementing a maintenance program to enhance system reliability.

Every year, Eversource trims or removes trees near approximately one-quarter of its more than 16,000 miles of overhead power lines around Connecticut. This year, work is scheduled to be done along more than 4,300 miles of lines and we're investing \$74 million in tree management as part of a continuing goal to balance the need for electric reliability with the natural beauty that your community values.

We know you count us on to deliver reliable power to your neighborhood every day. That is why we take these proactive steps before severe weather strikes. To learn more about how our vegetation management improves system reliability visit eversource.com/vegetation.

Warm Weather is Here!

Implement the below to see the benefits of energy efficiency:

- On sunny days, keep curtains and shades on south-facing windows open to allow sunlight to warm your home.
- Instead of using a clothes dryer, hang laundry outside to dry. If that's not an option, consider using an ENERGY STAR® certified model.
- Ensure your home has been weatherized through the sealing of leaks and drafts to reduce allergens and save up to 20% per year on energy costs.
- Fire up the grill and cook outside instead of using your stove top or oven.



Visit eversource.com/warm-weather-savings for more ways to reduce energy use.

Shopping for an Energy Supplier



Summer weather is here and as temperatures rise so does our electric use. We want to remind you that you have the option to compare different energy supply rates offered by licensed energy suppliers in our region, or to purchase your energy from Eversource.

What to know

If you choose a third-party supplier, your energy bill will still come from Eversource with your chosen energy supplier and current supply rate both listed. Your supply charge is driven by the amount of energy you use each month multiplied by the supply rate.

What to ask when shopping

- *What is the length of the contract I'm entering?*
- *Will my supply rate change over time, or stay the same?*

Want to switch?

Visit [Energizect.com](https://energizect.com) for a list of current suppliers.

Improve Home Comfort with a Heat Pump



If you're looking for an efficient way to stay comfortable, consider a heat pump. Heat pumps are a clean, flexible home heating solution available for homes with or without ductwork.

Because they are up to 400% more efficient, a heat pump can cool your home in the summer and heat your home in the winter, all while lowering greenhouse gas emissions.

Kick back in a more comfortable home with a heat pump and you may qualify for rebates up to \$15,000.

Visit eversource.com/heat-pumps for more details.

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Supporting STEM Education with Connecticut Invention Convention

We're proud to be a long-time sponsor of the Connecticut Invention Convention (CIC) which brings accessible, innovation programs to schools across the state, and especially communities that are often underrepresented in STEM programming. We're committed to building the next generation of scientists and engineers through hands-on experiences.

CIC held virtual judging to review student's inventions where 30 employee volunteers served as judges. The "Eversource Energy Award" will be presented at the finals in June.

"Through the support of partners like Eversource, the Connecticut Invention Convention has grown to reach an estimated 23% of K-12 students across the state, with more than 85% of students coming from below median income communities," said Nick Briere, CIC Executive Director. "Eversource has consistently been one of the Connecticut Invention Convention's largest supporters and is routinely one of the largest single providers of volunteer judges for our Invention Convention competitions. We are extremely grateful for Eversource's support and excited for all the future brings!"

Managing Summer Bills

We know that volatile energy prices remain challenging. We remain committed to helping you manage your energy costs with programs to help you pay and lower your bill.



Consider:

- Enrolling in **Budget Billing**, to help even out seasonal spikes in your energy bill due to heating and cooling costs. A fixed payment amount is set each month based on your average annual usage. Sign up today at eversource.com/budget-billing.
- Taking advantage of energy efficiency tips, tools and programs to help lower your energy use at eversource.com/home-savings.

We also have programs to help you pay your bill, including:

- **Flexible Payment Plans** to help you pay off a balance over a period of time and help prevent service interruption.
- **New Start** for income-eligible customers to eliminate a balance in as little as 12 months with on-time payments.
- **Matching Payment Program**, which reduces past due balances with affordable monthly payments for electric and gas heating customers. For every dollar you pay or every dollar you receive from the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program, we will subtract a dollar from the amount you owe.

Learn more about programs to help manage your bill at eversource.com/billhelp.