



TREE TRIMMING NOTICE

Date: _____

Did you know that trees are the leading cause of power outages? And, did you know that most high voltage power lines require a clear airspace around them for safe and reliable operation?

These are just a few of the important reasons for your electric utility company to keep trees clear of electric power lines. Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) is committed to delivering safe and reliable energy to you and is planning to perform tree work in your area

PLEASE RESPOND TO OUR ARBORISTS

It is important that you acknowledge the receipt of this notice so that they can discuss the necessary tree work with you. Our arborists are in your area now and want to address your questions and concerns well before tree work begins. Please see the enclosed business card for their contact information.

If you are not the property owner, NIPSCO strongly encourages you to notify the property owner as soon as possible that vegetation management is scheduled to occur.

If we do not hear back from you within two weeks of receiving this notice, NIPSCO is permitted to assume we have your consent to proceed with the necessary work.

Included in this packet are two brochures with in-depth information about NIPSCO's vegetation management program and how to choose and plant trees, especially around power lines and utility easements. **Planting lower growing trees near power lines today will prevent tree outages and the need to prune in the future.**



BE AWARE OF IMPERSONATORS

NIPSCO is aware that criminals sometimes try to impersonate utility representatives. All NIPSCO contractor arborists and tree crew members carry photo identification issued by their company, will never ask to enter your home and can have their identity or work assignment verified by calling NIPSCO.

HELPFUL WEBSITES

Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC)

www.in.gov/iurc

IURC Vegetation Management Administrative Rule

http://www.in.gov/iurc/files/RM10-04_082912.pdf

NIPSCO's Vegetation Management Page

www.nipSCO.com/trees

NIPSCO Vegetation Management Authorized Contractors

<http://www.nipSCO.com/en/our-services/Trees-and-Power-Lines/contractors.aspx>

Arbor Day Foundation's "Right Tree in the Right Place" Program

<http://www.arborday.org/trees/rightTreeAndPlace/>

THANK YOU

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we work ensure the safety and reliability of our electric service to you and your community. Please contact us at **1-800-4-NIPSCO (1-800-464-7726)** if you have any questions or need additional information.