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## Utility Tree Trimming Begins in Manitowoc

Dave's Tree Service will start trimming trees near Manitowoc Public Utilities power lines on the City's Southeast side beginning March 4<sup>th</sup>.

Manitowoc Public Utilities follows a program of preventive trimming to prune or remove trees that may compromise electrical lines. Under this program, trees are pruned in a manner which should result in the tree growing away from wires instead of back toward them. This preventive maintenance pays great dividends to the community in reduced damage to power lines and fewer power outages due to storms. MPU has a four-year cycle in which electric lines in the City are checked for adequate line clearance.

This year, MPU will target tree trimming efforts in the area east of and including S. 21<sup>st</sup> Street and South of the Manitowoc River. Crews will dispose of pruned branches unless the property owner specifically request they be left on site. A copy of the MPU Vegetation Management Policy is available under the "Safety Information" tab at [www.mpu.org](http://www.mpu.org).

Residents in other areas of the City who notice potential tree clearance problems are asked to call the Manitowoc Public Utilities at 686-4366. MPU warns residents to never attempt trimming trees near electrical lines and to always contact the Utility for assistance.

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