



Newsletter

Miss Enterprise Pageant

The Miss Enterprise Scholarship Pageant will be held on Friday, May 26th at 7:00 PM at the Enterprise High School Auditorium. Come out and show your support for our young girls as they share their many talents with us and see who is crowned the next Miss Enterprise!



DUMPSTER

The large dumpster will be here the week of May 12-19th at the dump site in conjunction with E-Week. Please help the school where you can with their projects, and be involved in making our community a more beautiful place to live. There are many areas in town that could use a good clean up. Also, remember tree limbs should be placed in the burn area and not in the dumpsters. You can pick up a key at the City Office.

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Trees: The Good, The Bad, The Ugly!

Do you remember March 5, 2017? How about March 31, 2017? Yes, these were days that Mother Nature had fun. First, with 65 mph wind gusts on the 5th and then right around a foot of heavy wet snow on the 31st. Several very large old pines were blown over in the winds. Then, we all remember cleaning up after the snow that took many limbs, even large limbs, out of elm, cottonwood, and pine trees. We had a few power lines taken down by falling trees, and even a service that was pulled from a home because of the heavy wet snow breaking

tree limbs. Overall, we were lucky it didn't cause more damage.

A Few Things to Remember!

There is nothing as nice as some shade on a hot summer day. The value that nice trees and landscaping add to our properties is immense. However, the wrong tree in the wrong location can cause all kinds of problems, especially when the tree becomes fully grown and interferes with power and communication lines, both *overhead and underground*. Trees and power lines don't get along well at all. Limbs that touch lines cause outages. And



we all know how we don't like our power going out at the times when we need it the most. Which these days, is all the time!

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Enterprise Library Summer Reading Program

The theme for the Enterprise Library Summer Reading program this year is, "Build a Better World." They will have programs for all ages: kids, teens, and adults, including a Kindness Rock Painting event. They are accepting rock donations if you have any good rocks to paint on. They will have guests each week including a puppet show and a magician. Sign up will be required for

some of the activities due to space, but everyone is invited to participate. Pre-registration begins on May 26th with the first summer event starting on Wednesday, June 7th. You can find the complete schedule at the library or on their website. Thank you to the many sponsors that make it possible for the library to do this each year: City of Enterprise, Brackens, Carter's Market, EVMC,

Robert Holt Farms, American Legion Post 80, RedCliff Ascent, and Enterprise Family Dental. Thank you to all of you who come and support the library year round.



Plan Ahead!

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Planting the right tree in the right place is the most important decision we can make when landscaping our yards. Consider how large the tree or shrub will be when it is fully grown! Most of the trees that grow easily in Enterprise get very large when fully grown. When we have a seedling in our hands and a vacant yard we want full of shape, it's hard to imagine just how big that seedling can become, and we rarely look up or down when deciding where to plant. USU provides a great tree browser that can give ideas on species of trees here in Utah. <https://www.treebrowser.org/>

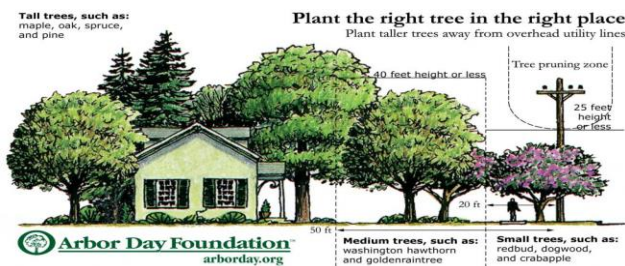
Trimming

A tree is its strongest and healthiest when it is allowed to grow to full size without having to be trimmed back. Taking dead and low hanging branches out and pruning to help the tree grow to a shape that is beautiful and healthy is always good. The following text describes **trimming** clearances to power lines.

"There are different clearance requirements depending on tree species, growth characteristics, and voltage of the line. Tall fast growing trees like cottonwoods require at least 12 feet of side clearance, at least 10 feet of overhanging clearance, and at least 14 feet of clearance underneath the distribution lines. Tall slow growing trees like pines require at least 8 feet of side clearance, at least 10 feet of overhanging clearance, and at least 10 feet of clearance underneath the distribution lines."

Topping trees is never a good way to trim a tree. When topped, a tree has a lot of root energy that has nowhere to go and thus "water sprouts" begin to grow at a very rapid pace. These sprouts become fast growing, very weak limbs that start from a joint at the original tree trunk that becomes a very weak spot usually full of disease and decay which leads to limbs breaking at that point and falling.

There are many sources of pruning techniques that can be found. USU extension service provides a great guide at <https://forestry.usu.edu/files-ou/pruning-landscape-trees.pdf>.



An example of a buried line going right under a tree in a backyard.

It takes both overhead and underground lines to get electricity to our homes.

The Arbor Day Foundation guide above is a simple good example to follow when dealing with overhead lines. We rarely ever think about the many underground lines that serve our homes as well. The very best thing to remember to do when planning landscaping is to call 811 (blue stakes) and have all utility lines marked so as to avoid future conflicts and damage. Usually the first damage that planting a tree or shrub causes is when we dig the hole and hit underground lines that we forget are there.

Any underground cable that is installed for the power system, now, is buried in pvc conduit. There is a lot of original cable that was installed years ago that was directly buried not in conduit. This really is a problem if it gets nicked when digging holes to plant as well as when the cable goes bad and has to be repaired. If there are trees, shrubs, and other landscaping as well as building over it, it can be a really big problem to restore electric service to your home. If you do run into a buried cable and think you may have nicked it, PLEASE let us know so we can repair it right away. It is much better to do it then than to wait and have the power go out in the middle of winter when the ground is frozen and our homes are getting cold.

The trees we plant, are like family to us! They are our babies that we nurture from very small twigs to large wonderful shade providing creatures! They are our trees! Our responsibility! Let's take time to think ahead, plan for the best possible outcome and take care of them as they grow and become beautiful!

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