## You can help us prevent outages

ipley Power and Light Company has an ongoing program to trim tree branches on or near power lines. The program's purpose is to ensure both electric reliability and safety.

"Tree limbs falling against power lines and utility equipment are a major reason for power outages," said Mike Allmand, President and CEO of Ripley Power and Light.

"Our goal is to work all roads and streets in our service area every year to trim away tree branches and brush that are growing too close to power lines and equipment."

## Customers can help, too

1. Remove tree limbs that are dead or could threaten power lines. Remember, only a professional should work close to power lines.

2. If you see a potential problem with tree limbs against power lines, call us at 635-2323 or fill out the online form on our website: www.ripleypower.com under the "Energy Explained" section.

**3.** Avoid planting tall-growing trees, such as oak, pine and maple, near power lines.



Mike Allmand President and CEO Ripley Power and Light Company

## Planting trees

Here's a rule of thumb for planting trees:

- Plant trees that grow no more than 30 feet at least 10 feet away from utility poles, street lights and power lines.
- Plant trees growing up to 50 feet at least 35 feet away.
- Plant trees that grow larger than 50 feet 45 feet away.