



VEGETATION MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES



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Xcel Energy Contacts				
	Colorado Wyoming	Texas New Mexico Oklahoma	Minnesota South Dakota North Dakota	Wisconsin
Emergency Pager	303-556-1244	806-674-1890	612-534-5007	N/A
24 Hour Hotline	800-541-0918	If no answer, leave message with Name, Phone, Location and Nature of Emergency. You will be contacted as soon as possible.	800-393-3900 Access Codes: 3900 for Delivery 2 for Energy Supply	715-577-0003
General Hotline	303-571-7544		Spill Hotline: 612-330-5972	715-577-0003
PCB Hotline	303-571-3512		N/A	N/A
General Office	721-497-2147	806-378-2196	612-330-7873	715-839-1346 or 715-839-2691

7.3 – SPECIAL CONDITIONS DOCUMENTS

Specific operational work requirements apply to the company's different operating areas. A copy of the appropriate special conditions should be included with this guideline document. Please request current copies from an Xcel Energy Vegetation Management representative.

7.4 – AVIAN PROTECTION

Xcel Energy's long-term Avian Protection Plan details the company's efforts to improve facilities, primarily distribution lines, and to reduce risks to birds from interactions with company facilities. This plan is part of an agreement outlined in a Memorandum of Understanding with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The following items in the Avian Protection Plan relate to tree trimming:

- An inactive bird nest is defined as not having eggs or young. If birds are building a nest that doesn't have eggs or young, it is also inactive.
- If tree crews encounter an inactive nest, in part of a tree we need to trim, they can remove the nest. The only exception is an eagle nest. An inactive eagle nest cannot be removed.

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- If tree crews encounter an active nest (eggs or young present), in part of a tree we need to trim, the nest cannot be removed until it becomes inactive. We can still trim the tree to clear the wire as long as the nest and birds are not disturbed. We may need to return after the nest becomes inactive to finish trimming the tree. These situations must be reported to the Xcel Energy Vegetation Management representative who will contact the appropriate Environmental Services representative.
- If tree crews find a dead or injured bird that had come into contact with a line, they must contact their general foreman. The general foreman will then contact their Xcel Energy Vegetation Management representative who will contact the appropriate Siting & Land Rights Environmental Services representative.
- Contract General Foremen are responsible for keeping the avian protection glove box kit including the US Fish & Wildlife Service Special Purpose Permit on their trucks at all times.

7.5 – RESPONSIBLE TREE PLANTING

Xcel Energy's Right Tree book provides customers detailed information regarding power line compatible tree planting. Copies may be requested by calling Xcel Energy Customer Service at 1-800-895-4999.



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