



Columbia REA

May 28, 2019

Dear Member,

Columbia REA has hired a contractor, Asplundh Tree Expert Company, to provide tree-trimming maintenance services to help ensure safe and reliable service to our members. Asplundh is a nationally recognized company that provides utility right of way maintenance with trained arborists. They will be trimming/removing trees that are near overhead lines and underground pad mounted equipment in your **service area(s)** with Columbia REA. If there are trees that require trimming or removing in your service area a representative from Columbia REA will contact you to coordinate work before trimming or removing trees on your property. Tree trimming in your service area(s), near or in the Walla Walla foothills, Washington, will begin June, 2019.

We have a tree removal program for trees that interfere with equipment and services. Our goal is to maintain a balance between safe and reliable electrical service and the health of your trees. Columbia REA works diligently to follow the state RCW 64.12.035 for vegetation management. In the event that a tree should be removed, Columbia REA will pay up to \$50 towards the purchase of a replacement tree that is utility friendly. A list of acceptable trees is provided on our website.

If you are interested in participating in the program mentioned and want to know if you qualify, or have any questions and would like more information about us trimming and removing trees in your area, please visit our website www.columbiarea.coop or contact us at treeinfo@columbiarea.coop.

Sincerely,

Olivia Slater
Engineering and Operations Clerk

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