

Notice of Application for City of Madison Tree Pruning Permit

To prune City of Madison-owned trees within the public right-of-way of any street, alley, highway or greenway Madison Gas and Electric (MGE) is required to apply for a permit; MGE Forestry works with the City Forester and the City of Madison Streets and Urban Forestry Division on a yearly plan to prevent over-pruning of City-owned trees. MGE's 2026 plan for pruning trees on the public rights-of-ways will be considered by the Board of Public Works on Wednesday, January 28th, 2026, at 4:30 P.M., via virtual meeting.

If you wish to speak at the virtual meeting, you must register. You can register at www.cityofmadison.com/city-hall/committees/meeting-schedule. Registration will open when the meeting is published on the calendar, typically around noon on the Friday preceding the meeting, in this instance Friday, January 23rd, 2026. Interested participants can search for the date, click on the Board of Public Works meeting, then click "Register for Public Comment."

If you require an interpreter, materials in alternate formats, or other accommodations to access this public hearing, please contact City of Madison Engineering Department at (608) 266-4751 or email us at boardofpublicworks@cityofmadison.com. Please make contact at least 72 hours prior to the date of this public hearing so that we can make proper accommodations.

Your safety and our electric system reliability are both important to us. Line clearance pruning is done to minimize tree-related storm damage and tree-caused electric system outages and conflicts. As a National Arbor Day "Tree Line USA Utility," we are concerned about the health and appearance of trees in your neighborhood. Our contract crews prune according to industry Best Management Practices as outlined by the International Society of Arboriculture. The crews also undergo yearly work- and safety-related training.

If your trees require pruning, you will receive further notification before line clearance work begins.



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