

Landscaping on Utility Easements (Working Space)

- *Call the Utility Notification Center, toll-free, 1-800-922-1987 or 811, prior to digging.*
- No improvements that conflict with or interfere with construction, maintenance or access to utilities shall be placed within the utility easements. Prohibited improvements include, but are not limited to, permanent structures, buildings, counterforts, decks, stairs, window wells, air conditioning units, private gas lines, parking lot lights, retaining walls/components and other objects that may interfere with the utility facilities or access, use and maintenance thereof. Prohibited improvements may be removed by the entities responsible for providing the utility services. The owners of the property subject to or adjacent to the utility easements shown herein are responsible for the maintenance and operation of such areas, which does not include utility lines and related facilities. When the owner(s) or adjacent owners fail to adequately maintain such utility easements, including the removal of prohibited improvements, the maintenance, operation, reconstruction and removal shall be at the cost of the owner(s).
- For Transmission and Distribution Right of Way Planting Guidelines, please refer to Appendix A.

A minimum clearance is required around all vaults and pad mounted equipment. A distance of 10 feet must be kept clear in front of all service doors. Equipment side clearances vary from 1.5 to 4 feet.

- Trees should be planted far enough away from pad mounted equipment so that, at maturity, overhanging branches will not obstruct a crane setting or removing equipment. It is best to select trees with supple branches that can be tied back without risk of breaking.
- Responsibility for upkeep and any landscaping maintenance in a utility easement is borne by the property owner/member.
- In the event a fence must be removed by CORE to repair or maintain electrical facilities, reasonable effort will be made to replace existing fencing when repairs are completed.
- Landscaping, fences, and other obstructions shall not encroach upon the working space clearances.
- A clear and level working space shall be equal to the full width of the equipment and shall extend a minimum of 10 feet from the compartment opening for pad mount equipment. Roadways and drive-throughs are not considered working space.
- A level pad cannot be more than 18" above surrounding finished grade.