It's spring and you may want to plant a new flowerbed or tree! Plant safely around power lines with these tips:

PLANT SMART AROUND POWER LINES

1. **Click before you dig.** Before digging, visit AlbertaOneCall.com or call 1-800-242-3447 to have all registered utilities marked. Once they are marked, dig carefully around utility lines with hand tools.

2. **Avoid planting near lines, poles or underground transformers.** Plant at least 7.5 metres away from the base of a power pole. If a secondary line connects your home to a power line, avoid planting trees that will grow into the line. When planting around an underground transformer, maintain a safe clearance of 3 metres to the front and 1.5 metres to the adjacent sides.

3. **Plant at least 7.5 - 15 metres away.** Plant tall trees at least 15 metres away from power lines and low-growing varieties like hedges or rose bushes at least 7.5 metres away from power lines.

4. **REMEMBER, plant far away from power poles**

   Plant flower beds, vegetables gardens, or small bushes such as roses or hedges at least 7.5 metres away.

   Plant large, tall trees like elm, spruce, oak, pine, lilac, cedar or aspen at least 15 metres from power lines.

   When planting around an underground transformer, maintain a safe clearance of 3 metres to the front and 1.5 metres to the adjacent sides. Locate all underground lines before you dig.

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