



Columbia REA

June 12, 2017

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** with Columbia REA. A representative from Asplundh or Columbia REA will contact you to obtain permission before trimming or removing trees on your property. Tree trimming in your service area(s), near or in **Dayton, Washington**, will begin mid-June 2017.

We have also initiated 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. 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 will be provided. If you are interested in participating in this program, please contact the Cooperative office, or let the contractor know when they can contact you.

Upon receipt of this letter, if you have any questions, would like more information, and would like to discuss your needs and requirements for trimming or removal on your property, please contact a **Member Service Representative** at either of our offices in Dayton or Walla Walla at (509) 526-4041, or if you are outside the local area please call 800-642-1231. We can then arrange to send someone out to evaluate your trees.

Sincerely,

Olivia Slater
Engineering and Operations Clerk