

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT**

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**ORANGE & ROCKLAND ELECTRIC
TO PERFORM VEGETATION MANAGEMENT – DISTRIBUTION LINE CLEARANCE PROGRAM**

Orange & Rockland Utilities, Inc. has contracted Lewis Tree Service to perform trimming on trees in the right of way that are either touching electric wires or which through future tree growth, will come in contact with electric wires.

Orange & Rockland Utilities performs their tree trimming program following pruning guidelines recommended by the International Society of Arboriculture and the Tree Line USA program sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation. Orange & Rockland will be mailing letters to all their customers informing them of this work. Any questions should be directed to Rockland Customer Service Office at 877-434-4100.

Lewis Tree Service (Rockland's contracted tree service) expects to begin working in the Township on February 8 and anticipates completing their work within 6 to 8 weeks. Rockland Electric's supervisors will be on-site. Tree branches will be trimmed that are touching electric wires or which have the potential to interfere with the electric wires.

Tree branch interference is the single most frequent cause of electric service interruptions experienced by customers. During severe storms, falling trees and tree branches are entangled in electric wires. Wind-blown and broken tree limbs cross the wires, resulting in power outages. Sometimes, branches of fast-growing trees simply spread upward into the overhead electric wires and rub against the electric wires creating problems. Branches rubbing against an energized power wire can cause a short circuit or other safety problem. Because trees conduct electricity, electric current could actually be carried to the ground if a branch touches an exposed power line. Tree trimming will reduce the safety hazard and the threat of service interruption. This tree trimming service will improve electric service reliability to Orange Rockland's customers.