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Planting Around Power Lines

Steps to planting around power lines:

1. Call Blue Stakes before digging ANY hole big enough to plant a tree.
2. Look UP! If there are power lines overhead, you will want to select a tree or shrub that will not interfere. Also realize that a maintenance vehicle or person will eventually need access to it.
3. Consider the plants' natural height, width and root structure, as well as the amount of upkeep YOU plan on doing. Maintaining a certain height for a tree can be a huge task. Some root systems are very invasive and can ruin underground power lines and water lines, including irrigation systems (i.e. Quaking Aspen and Poplars).
4. If you need help, don't be afraid to ask a professional. Garden centers and the extension service are excellent resources.

****Below are some trees to consider for planting under power lines****

Small Trees (6'-10')

Rose of Sharon (Patio Tree)
Cistena Plum (Patio Tree)
Dwarf Japanese Maple
Butterfly Bush (Patio Tree)
Lilac (Patio Tree)
Hydrangea (Patio Tree)

Medium to Small Trees (8'-15')

Globe Catalpa
Magnolia Tree
Globe Spruce (Patio Tree)
Fat Albert Blue Spruce
Golden Rain Tree
Thundercloud Plum
Paul's Scarlet Hawthorn
Eastern Redbud
Bechtel Crabapple
Bradford Pear

Weeping Trees

Weeping Mulberry
Weeping Cherry
Weeping pussy Willow
Weeping Crab
Weeping Blue Atlas Cedar

Trees to avoid (height, roots, or pruning issues)

Chinese Elm
Tree of Heaven
Catalpa
Russian Olive
Blue Spruce
Austrian Pine
Norway Maple
Crimson King Maple
Tulip Tree
London Plane Tree
Hybrid Poplar
Shademaster Locust
Redmond Linden
Green Spire Linden
Fruitless Mulberry
Skyline Locust
Bur Oak
Green Ash
Quaking Aspen