



TREE TRADE

Trees in or near high voltage lines that are diseased, dangerous and those that have to be trimmed on a frequent basis are good candidates for the MES Tree Trade Program. This is how the program works: The McMinnville Electric System tree trimming crew cuts down the tree to the stump and then replaces it with a low-growing decorative tree such as a dogwood, redbud, purple leaf plum, or flowering cherry that is more suitable to be near high voltage lines. The new tree will benefit everyone as it grows into a healthy, beautiful member of our community.

McMinnville Electric System and the City of McMinnville joined forces to establish **Replacement Park** as a way for customer of MES to see the trees used in the MES Tree Trade Program. Located by the retaining wall on the back side of the MES building that faces North Chancery Street, the park has a pathway that meanders by eight different varieties of low-growing, decorative trees.

Replacement Park features specially selected trees that will grow to be the right size and height for the area in which they are to be planted. Trees featured in the park include: [Eastern Redbud](#); [Flowering Crabapple](#); [Crape Myrtle](#); [White Dogwood](#); [Autumn Brilliance Serviceberry](#); [Winter King Green Hawthorn](#); [Serviceberry](#); and [Autumn Cherry](#).

Both McMinnville Electric System and the City of McMinnville are seeking to beautify our community through the wise and careful management of the trees in our neighborhoods. The Tree Trade Program is one way to encourage the value of trees, as well as the selection of the right tree. Healthy trees in the right locations benefit everyone

We know that trees are important to our community. They provide cooling shade, reduce carbon dioxide levels that help to slow the greenhouse effect, and increase our community pride. That is why MES has been involved in the Tree Trade Program for over 10 years. The McMinnville Electric System Tree Trade Program helps to improve continuity of electric service, in addition to improving public safety, reducing expenses and adding to our community pride.