

The efl maintains a large electrical distribution system consisting of more than 8000 kilometres of poles and wires. This is a major operation and investment on behalf of the people of Fiji. The Authority therefore, is committed to maintaining a balance between its environmental responsibilities and maintaining a safe, reliable supply of electricity to its customers.

Tips on planting

Before you plan to plant, look up if there are power lines immediately above and think about how high your plant or trees will be when it is fully grown. If it is likely to reach the height of the power lines, plant 30 metres away from the power pole. It is a good idea to ask your local nursery about the kind of trees that would be suitable for your property.

Be careful where you dig. The efl has high voltage underground cables that could cause serious injury or death. Before planting a tree outside your boundary consult us to ensure there are no underground power cables located nearby.



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Trees & Powerlines Don't Mix



Trees, shrubs and other vegetation enhance our life style and the quality of our lives. They provide shade, shelter, privacy and beautify our surroundings. They are important for the environment, our birds and wildlife.

Vegetation growing near to, or touching power lines is a serious risk to public safety. It is also one of the main causes of power supply disruptions.

So while it is good to grow trees and make Fiji beautiful, it is better for you and for the fea, that these are planted away from power lines.



For safety

Take note of all trees growing around your home and see whether they are located near power lines. Droughts and Cyclones are a feature of Fiji's climate. There is a risk of fire in dry conditions. Strong winds, heavy rain and waterlogged ground can cause trees and branches near power lines to fall and bring down lines. This can be extremely dangerous if people are walking or playing nearby. Stay alert.

The efl can help

Call the efl if you plan to cut trees near your home that are a threat to power lines and to a safe and continuous power supply. We can offer you advice before you cut them down. Please be reminded that the Electricity Act (Chapter 180 Clause 37- (1) (b) authorizes the fea to cut or remove from Crown,

Native or Private land any tree, branch, bough (a large main branch from which the smaller branches grow) or other part of a tree growing within 30 meters of any power lines that is used for transporting energy.

The efl can enter your property at any time and clear trees or shrubbery on or near power lines. However, before they do anything on your property, they will discuss the matter with you so that you are fully aware of the action being taken.

The Authority also has underground services that can be severely damaged by tree roots, resulting in interruptions to your power supply. In instances where plant roots could affect or interfere with underground cables, efl workers will also remove the plant.