

# City of Bowling Green

Electric Division

Underground Development

# Underground Electrical Equipment

Tree and Shrub Planting and  
Trimming Clearance  
Specifications

# Before Digging Around Underground Power Facilities

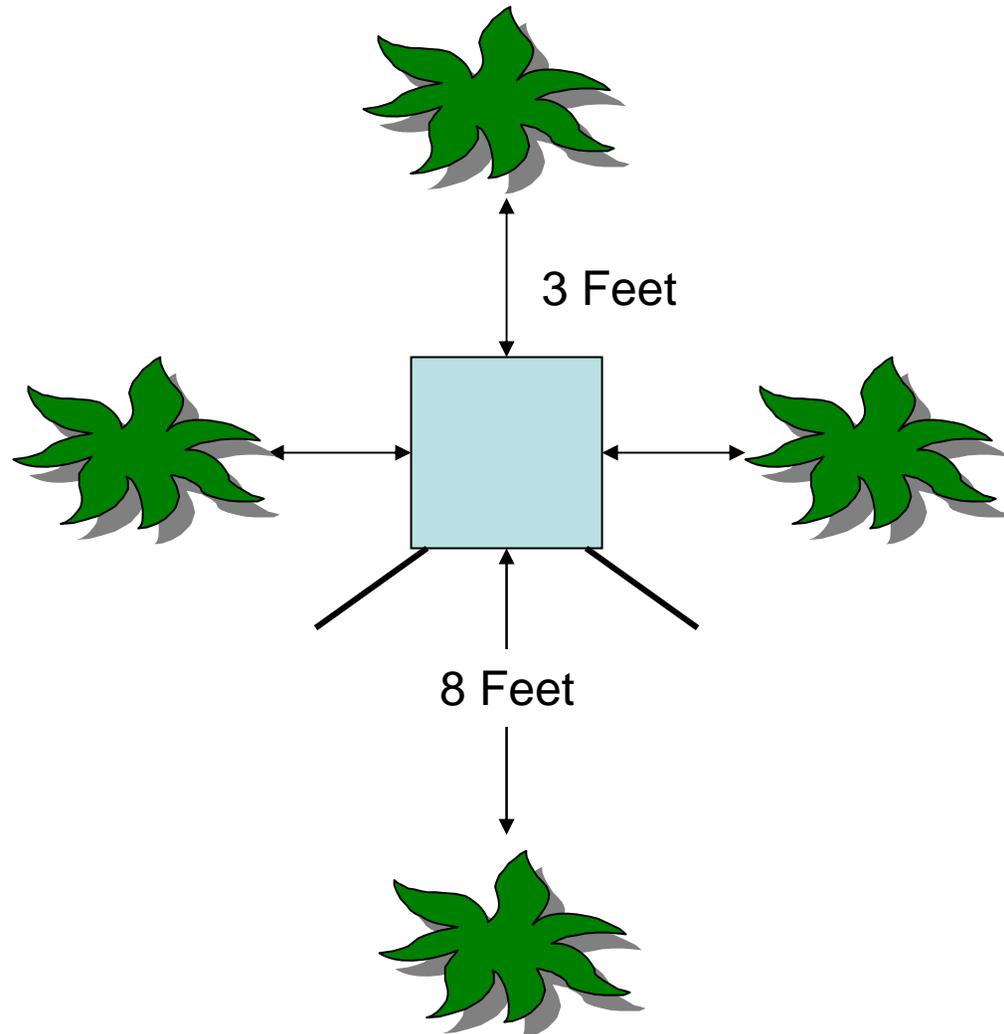
- Customers served by underground power lines should be aware of landscape clearance and other guides before working around our equipment.
- Maintaining proper landscape clearances around the underground electrical equipment allows our crews to safely perform necessary inspections and maintenance work.
- Woody plants, ornamental grasses, shrubs and trees must be kept away at least 8 feet from the front of the pad (the side with enclosed doors) and at least 3 feet from the sides and back.
- Plantings located too close create a dangerous work area and may hamper efforts to restore power in an emergency. In addition, plants may be damaged by workers trying to access underground facilities.

# Before Digging Around Underground Power Facilities

- Before adding or removing trees, shrubs, or other plantings (including stumps) obtain free safe digging information to avoid disturbing buried lines. The following work site information will be needed:
  - County, City or Township
  - Street Address
  - Intersecting streets or roads
  - Distance and direction from intersection
  - Extent of work (front/rear/both sides)
  - Date excavation will take place
  - Type of work
  - Your name
  - Contact phone number
  - Contractor contact person or other additional information
  
  - Ohio Utilities Protection Service (OUPS) – Open 7 days a week including holidays. Call at least 48 hours ahead, but not more than 10 days before.
  - 1-800-362-2764 or internet: [www.oups.org](http://www.oups.org)

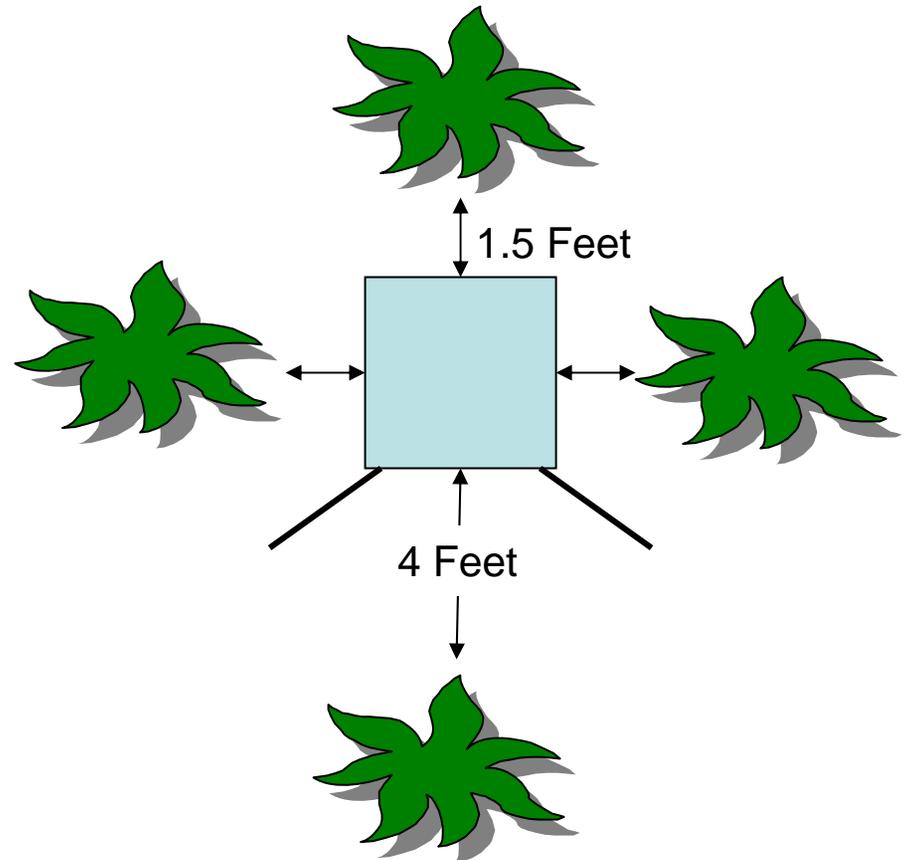
# Electrical Equipment Specifications

- Minimum of **8 feet** of clearance in front of the underground electrical equipment doors when planting trees, shrubs, and ornamental grass.
- Minimum of **3 feet** of clearance from all other areas of the equipment when planting.



# Electrical Equipment Trimming Specifications

- Minimum of 4 feet of clearance in front of the equipment doors.
- Minimum of 1.5 feet of clearance on all other areas.



# Underground Equipment



# Warning Stickers



# Improper Landscaping



# Proper Landscape

