Cooling costs can be cut by up to 30% if half of the roof is shaded.

Shading the air conditioner can improve its efficiency by up to 10%.

In the winter, properly placed trees and shrubs can help reduce heating costs by blocking winds.

Deciduous trees planted to cool a home will lose their leaves during the cold months allowing the sun to heat the structure.

Learn more! See the back for more information about proper tree care.
Planting and maintaining your trees

To protect our power lines and prevent outages, Vectren must trim the foliage in and around power lines. Our goal is to increase reliability of service by adhering to approved trimming standards that were established by the Arbor Day Foundation, and properly pruning and maintaining trees ultimately leads to less structural weakness and fewer downed lines during storms.

This work is typically done on a four-year cycle. Vectren has permission to trim trees in the communities it serves through franchise and easement agreements. However, we always make it a point to give proper notification to property owners about our tree trimming activities before the process begins.

To avoid serious injury, do not attempt to remove limbs or trim trees that are on or near power lines. To report a tree problem near your home or business, please contact us at www.vectren.com/trees or call 1-800-227-1376.

Right Tree, Right Place

Please give careful consideration to your tree’s growth characteristics to avoid future problems with nearby power lines by making sure you plant the right tree in the right place. And, don’t forget to call 811 before you dig to have underground utility lines marked to avoid striking them.

Plant trees or shrubs at these minimum distances from electric distribution lines:

- 10 feet for trees or shrubs maturing to 15 feet
- 20 feet for trees maturing to 25 feet
- 30 feet for trees maturing to 35 feet

Tree species that should never be planted within 50 feet of power lines include Maple, Oak, Ash, Sycamore and White Pine.

Visit vectren.com/trees for tree trimming route maps & tree care tips.