



HELICOPTER TREE TRIMMING

As we head into the spring season, Southeastern Indiana REMC's Vegetation Management department will once again be utilizing helicopter tree trimming as part of our ongoing efforts to maintain a safe and reliable electric system.

SEI REMC works with a contracted, highly skilled helicopter trimming crew that specializes in this type of vegetation management. The experienced pilot operates a helicopter equipped with a specialized 10-bladed saw suspended beneath the aircraft. This method allows vegetation to be efficiently trimmed within the power line right-of-way — particularly in difficult terrain and remote areas that are challenging to access from the ground.

Helicopter trimming is one of several tools used in our comprehensive vegetation management plan. It reduces the risk of injury to tree workers, improves efficiency, and helps manage vegetation in areas where traditional ground-to-sky trimming would be more time-consuming and costly.

Why It Matters

Our communities depend upon the safe, reliable, and affordable delivery of electricity. One of the leading causes of service interruptions is trees and

other woody vegetation growing too high or too close to power lines.

To safeguard system reliability, SEI REMC actively manages vegetation around poles, lines, and equipment. Maintaining proper clearance helps prevent outages, protect infrastructure, and strengthen the overall resilience of our distribution system.

What to Expect

This process can be very interesting to watch, but the safety of our crews and our members is our number one priority. If you notice helicopter trimming in your area, please keep a safe distance from work zones and avoid approaching equipment or debris areas.

Some members have asked whether limbs and debris will be picked up. The answer is yes. Cleanup is part of the process and occurs after trimming operations in an area are complete. We appreciate your patience as crews finish the work safely and efficiently.

To see this process in action, view a gallery of photos from helicopter tree trimming at:

www.seiremc.com/yourcoopinaction

For more information about SEI REMC's vegetation management program, please visit:

www.seiremc.com/vegetationmanagement

