

Plant Trees, Save Energy

For Residential Customers in Iowa

Planting trees can add beauty to your home and also can reduce your heating and cooling costs. Planting trees also improves air quality and helps protect and replenish the soil.

MidAmerican Energy offers several tree-related programs that promote the planting of trees for their energy efficiency potential. [Download our Tree Information Booklet \(/content/pdf/ee/ee_tree_information_booklet.pdf\)](/content/pdf/ee/ee_tree_information_booklet.pdf) for tips on how to select the right tree location, the right tree for your yard, recommended trees for the Midwest region, how to prepare the site and proper tree care.

Plant Some Shade®

As a MidAmerican Energy customer and homeowner, you can purchase high-quality landscape trees at discounted prices. These trees, ranging from 3 to 8 feet in height and selected by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, are offered for \$30 each during spring and fall Plant Some Shade events. The trees, which normally retail for \$65 or more, are sold on a preordered, first-come, first-served basis at locations throughout our Iowa service territory.

Watch this site for upcoming events and order forms. Spring events are posted in March, and fall events are posted in September.

Trees Please!

Put the power of shade to work in your community by applying for tree-planting grants. Our *Trees Please!* program promotes energy efficiency by providing windbreaks and shade while beautifying city-owned parks, roadways and other common areas within communities. Grant applications are sent to communities in September and are due in October each year.

Questions?

Email planttrees@midamerican.com (<mailto:planttrees@midamerican.com>) or call 800-434-4017.

Trees for Kids/Trees for Teens

Trees improve the landscaping of school grounds and, when planted with proper consideration, can improve the energy efficiency of the building itself. The Trees for Kids/Trees for Teens program is sponsored by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources – Bureau of Forestry, and offers Iowa schools the opportunity to apply for tree-planting project grants every spring and fall.

Educational materials and grant applications can be found at www.iowadnr.gov/education/forteachers (<http://www.iowadnr.gov/education/forteachers>).

Call 811 Before You Dig

Before planting your tree, the law requires you to call 811 at least two business days before digging to make certain there are no utility lines or other equipment buried underground. For more information, visit www.call811.com (<http://www.call811.com>).