

# Redding Connects

Your Connection to City Services



November 2018

# REU

Redding Electric Utility

POWERING A STRONG COMMUNITY



## If You See This, Call Us!

Trees are a precious community resource. They provide shade while making the landscape more beautiful. They are called the planet's lungs because they clean the air. When they change color, it's a visual reminder the seasons are changing. Properly placed, shade trees can even lower your electric bill by reducing your air conditioner use in summer months!

But, like all living, growing things, trees periodically need to be trimmed.

That's a job Redding Electric Utility (REU) is happy to do. We have trained professionals that can safely perform that work. And it won't cost customers a dime.

REU's tree trimmers trim between 7,000 and 10,000 trees per year. Some types of trees, maple and ash trees for example, grow faster and have to be trimmed more frequently than other types of trees, like oak trees. REU highly recommend planting shrubs or dwarf trees, rather than trees, near or under the power lines.

We receive between 100 and 200 requests for tree trimming per year from customers. An electronic tree-trimming request form can be found on REU's website, on the Contact REU/Report an Electric Problem menu, <https://www.cityofredding.org/departments/redding-electric-utility/residential-accounts/reu-residential-education-safety/trees-electric-lines>. Or you can call us at 224-4356.

Our tree trimmers try to inspect every mile of REU's 370 miles of electric line every year, but in some years, a crisis like the Carr Fire keeps our tree trimmers from inspecting every mile of line we operate.

That's why we would like your help. ***If you see that a tree is close to an REU electric line, or has grown around an electric line, please contact us and we will trim it.***

Trees growing too close to power lines create a power-outage risk during storms. When winds blow through the trees, branches could touch the electric lines, potentially resulting in a power outage or a snapped power line.

***We urge customers to never touch a downed power line.*** It could still be "live," and those who touch it could get shocked or electrocuted.

Customers should never try to prune trees that are near power lines. Falling branches, metal ladders, or other conductive tools could make contact with a line, causing an electrical shock that could be fatal.

We also ask customers for their help in keeping children from playing in trees that are near power lines.

We trim trees near power lines to ensure electric reliability for our customers and also to reduce the dangers posed by trees growing into power lines.

**When in doubt, please call us at 224-4356**

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## Cookies & Cocoa with Santa December 8

Get your Winter Guide on December 1!

- Dog Training
- Redding Amateur Wrestling Club
- Shasta Roller Hockey Winter League
- Dale Maynor Fitness Training
- Aunt Bee's Kitchen
- ArtREVtime Community Arts and Crafts
- Winter Adventures
- Redding Youth Basketball
- Rising Stars
- Tiny Tots



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## Shasta Regional Community Foundation

Each year at Thanksgiving and the week following, we have a day for giving thanks, two days for getting deals, and a worldwide day for giving back - Giving Tuesday - this year on November 28th. Shasta Regional Community Foundation invites you to "Give where you live" by making an online donation at [www.northstategives.org](http://www.northstategives.org) on Tuesday, November 27th between 6 AM and 8 PM Pacific Time for the benefit of over 100 local nonprofits in Shasta and Siskiyou counties. Your dollars will go further thanks to incentives of more than \$85,000 provided by Shasta Regional Community Foundation and generous hourly sponsors to participating North State nonprofits in Shasta and Siskiyou counties!

**Who:** Shasta Regional Community Foundation

**What:** North State Giving Tuesday

**When:** Tuesday, November 27, 2018

**Time:** 6 AM - 8 PM Pacific Time

**Where:** [www.northstategives.org](http://www.northstategives.org)

**Why:** 14-hour online giving event to benefit over 100 nonprofits in Shasta and Siskiyou counties

Give Where You Live!

Contact info: 530-244-1219, and/or

#northstategivingtuesday



## Shasta Public Libraries' Food for Fines

From now until November 19th, pay your library fines with canned food. One can equals \$1 in fines. Up to \$10 per customer.

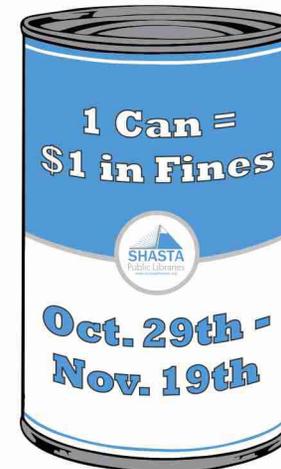
Cans will be given to One SAFE Place - Sierra Center (Redding), and Anderson Cottonwood Christian Alliance (Anderson) to be used for holiday food distribution programs.

The libraries can only accept canned foods. Please no damaged, expired, or glass items.

Donated cans cannot be used for lost or damaged books or for collection accounts.

For more information go to [www.shastalibraries.org/foodforfines](http://www.shastalibraries.org/foodforfines) or call 530-245-7250.

## Food for Fines



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