

Redding Connects

Your Connection to City Services



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The Value of Trees in a Community

Trees are a precious community resource. They help a community in so many ways. Shade from trees reduces the usage of air conditioning in summer months and during the winter, trees break the force of winter winds, lowering heating costs. In addition to providing shade, trees add landscaping beauty to both commercial and residential properties. Trees produce oxygen that we breathe as well as aid in removing air pollution by lowering air temperature. This reduction in temperature is due to the releasing of water into the atmosphere and by retaining particulates. When trees reduce the amount of air conditioning and heating needed for our homes and businesses they are aiding in the reduction of carbon dioxide and the greenhouse gas effects.

Like all living, growing things, trees periodically need attention and 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 at no cost to the customers. 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 recommends 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,

[redding.org/departments/redding-electric-utility/reu-pages/report-trees-in-power-lines-issue](https://www.cityofredding.org/departments/redding-electric-utility/reu-pages/report-trees-in-power-lines-issue). Or you can call us at 224-4356. Our tree trimmers try to inspect every mile of REU's 370 miles of electric line. After last winter's snow storm many trees have been impacted throughout the City. 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 and high winds. 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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Attention Shasta Lake Residents!



Redding Recreation has scholarships for you!



All Shasta Lake Resident Children 18 and younger are eligible to register at a reduced rate, once a season, per child. Join us for some fun and call our incredible and helpful front staff for more details at (530) 225-4095 or email us at info@reddingrecreation.org



Redding Airport offers daily nonstop flights
to Los Angeles International Airport (LAX)



Food For Fines at the Library

Do you have fines with the Library? Donate canned food to your local Shasta Public Library and you can reduce your late fees! 1 can = \$1, up to 10 dollars can go towards your late fines.

Don't have fines? You can still donate cans, and we will put a credit toward another library patrons account. All the canned food will be donated to one safe place in Redding CA.

Help someone in need and reduce your fines. It's a win win for all. Donate at one of the 3 branches today. From: Oct. 28 - Nov.23.

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FREE EVENT! AGES 0-8 (More info at shastaregional.com)

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First Saturday of every month
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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